



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on September 19, 2017 at 6:00PM.

I. Administrative

- A. The meeting was called to order by** Jack Moore at 6:01pm
- B. Board Members Roll Call:** Mark Bowden, William Quantz, Dr. Jean Chandler, Jack Moore, Alys Campaigne, John McFarlane, Dr. Jennifer Albert (*by phone*), Dr. Tim Gott, Keith McElveen, Walter Loiselle
- C. Mission Statement:** PSA exists to meet the distinctive academic, social and emotional needs of gifted learners.
- D. Public Comment:** No public comment.

II. New Business

A. Financial update - William Quantz

William summarized the July financials, the first month of the fiscal year. It was a non-operational month. The state charter funding numbers were in line with what was anticipated. Facilities and other expenses were managed conservatively. We have been working to reduce spending on telecommunications this year by changing our contract. That savings will show up in the coming months.

Some expenditure changes will be in place for the remainder of the fiscal year to clarify bookkeeping. Dr. Gott explained that some salary adjustments and stipends related to personnel changes took place over the summer that were not incorporated in the original budget. However, our per pupil income rate and reduced fee to the district were also not accounted for so the revised budget went from a surplus of \$8,000 to a surplus of \$29,000. The learning cottages were also not included in the original budget.

III. Principal's report – Dr. Tim Gott

Tim updated the Board about the status of the learning cottages. The plans are going to the architect, permitting office, and the Office of School Facilities. Building of the units will commence after they are approved. The timeline for approval is uncertain but hopefully will be within two months. The PSA band will be in one of the cottages, robotics in another, and one teacher will be transitioned to free up more space for storage and research within the building.

Current enrollment is 510 with 505 students on the wait list. 200 on the wait list are sixth graders. No new students are being brought in this year. There are 31 students of active duty, on base parents. There are 95 students part of active duty, civilian and related military families, roughly 13.5%.

Tim also shared new ACT results that show a strong scoring trend. PSA's composite score is 24.5 compared to the state average of 18.7. PSA is beaten in the state only by the Governor's School and Academic Magnet High School, both schools which select their student body based on achievement. PSA tied with the School of the Arts this year.

AP results were mixed. PSA does not strive to be an AP school. Out of the five AP courses, Calculus and CS Principles had 100% success rates. Chemistry and Statistics didn't fare as well but only had 11 and 23 students take the course. US History had a 55% success rate which was higher than the National Average. There is a new Chemistry teacher this year. Dual credit course versus AP credit courses continue to be under discussion.

III. Updates

A. Policy & Human Resources – Keith McElveen/ Alys Campaigne

Keith will convene an ad-hoc building expansion meeting after the Board meeting adjourns to discuss a timeline for the group. Alys has been working with Dr. Aust and Dr. Gott to amend the charter. PSA submitted two amendments in late August to the District: amendment of the Mission, and of the Educational Program and Performance Goals sections of the Charter to bring them up to date and provide a more meaningful benchmark for annual achievement reviews. These sections were each reviewed by the Board in April 2017. We are awaiting final word from the District as to whether any further adjustments are needed. The full Charter renewal will not take place until 2019. The Board will need to write to the District to begin that process in January 2019 at the latest.

B. Development and Fundraising

The e-tapestry training continues. Susan Durand (parent) and Lisa Hakamiun (teacher) are going to be the point people on the project. Walter has a goal of launching a fall fundraising campaign.

C. Military – John McFarlane

A meeting with the new JBCO is scheduled on October 4 at 9:30. Colonel Wilson said he had a good conversation with Dr. Gott and there could be follow up when we meet. Potential access uses of excess land on the housing side of the base is under discussion for athletic fields.

D. Facilities – Mark Bowden

Mark reported that the committee is ready to help with the implementation of the learning cottages. Tim is going to attend the next committee meeting to explore timing, roles and

other ways for the group to get involved. Mark also discussed the desire to have a committee member who is a full-time employee of the school.

E. Communications – Jack Moore

Jean briefed the board on the implementation of the Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) Grant awarded to PSA from the South Carolina State Department of Education in the amount of \$18,000 for improving the sound, lighting, and staging for the arts including choral risers and staff summer institutes. She is working with the Fine Arts faculty to ensure that the original budget aligns with current needs. She announced that a plaque had been placed over the entrance to the gym with the inscription, “Welcome to Performances on The Du Pont Portable Stage” acknowledging the company’s \$6,250 donated to the school. She encouraged PSA to add a road-side portable marquee to note significant new school achievements.

Jack noted the new dates for the board training.

Mark Edington, a guest, was invited to describe his background and an overview of potential services he might provide as a leadership coach. He recently left his role supporting the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce to go back to private consulting.

F. Academic Excellence – Tim Gott

No report.

IV. Action Items

N/A

V. Adjournment, Next Meeting October 17, 2017

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

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