



A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on February 20, 2018 at 6:00PM.

I. Administrative

A. The meeting was called to order by Keith McElveen at 6:02pm.

B. Board Members Roll Call: William Quantz, Jack Moore (by phone), Alys Campaigne, Dr. Jennifer Albert (by phone), Keith McElveen, Morgan Futch, Walter Loiselle (by phone). Ex-officio: Dr. Tim Gott. Absent: Mark Bowden, John McFarlane

II. New Business

William provided a financial update and reviewed the December financials that were approved by email so they could be submitted in quarterly compliance.

William and Dr. Gott are still working on the 2018-2019 budget. It will be taken to the Finance Committee within the next two weeks and a final version submitted for approval at the March board meeting.

III. Principal's report – Dr. Tim Gott

A. Status of learning cottages – Spoke with the architect and he has a meeting with the OSF Director planned. The engineer who developed the original plans passed away. Goal is still to have the cottages open by August.

B. Building repair status – Moisture tests are showing very high moisture readings. The builder is applying for insurance and will cover all the reinstall and inclusion of a water membrane over the summer. St. Leo's program should not be affected. Tim is going to ask the builder to convey his intentions in writing. Mark is still talking with Miles Glick to get him on board with a review.

C. Chemistry lab hood – The chemistry hood is not working because there is not sufficient draw. An engineer group came to present options to fix it. The charge is likely to be between \$13,000 and \$18,000. The specifications from original construction are being reviewed to see if there is a warranty option.

D. Present Helios contract for new lighting for Board review and action – Helios sent a proposed contract with a seven-year service agreement at \$874/month. The savings are projected at \$900/month before an SCE&G rebate in the amount of approximately \$9,917.

- E.** Lottery Update – Tomorrow is the lottery. 909 applications are in the system. There are 345 6th grade applicants. 34 are siblings and 29 are military families, 15 slots are guaranteed to the military families so 49 slots of the 72 6th grade spots are already filled. 23 spots are currently open and will be filled at the lottery. No other spots are currently open other than 6 possible spots in the senior year.
- F.** Math curriculum change – The math program is being modified in response to staff review and observation of student performance and optimal learning. Currently in the 6th grade PSA offers either two 45 minute sixth grade math blocks or, if a student is prepared, 6th grade Algebra 1. Out of the students who took basic math, a third then took a pre-Algebra course in their 7th grade year. These results and a new GT curriculum from Kendall Hunt suggest that more depth and a slower learning pace in foundational Algebra may be beneficial. Thus, there will be less emphasis on advancement unless students are performing at a high level based on testing to make sure they have two full years of pre-Algebra comprehension in 6th and 7th grade.
- G.** Discuss replication plan – Dr. Gott discussed interest by the SCPCSD, and interest as demonstrated by our waiting list, in exploring an expansion model for PSA. The goal is, over the next six to eight years, to develop four additional main campuses throughout the Charleston area with small, distinct middle and high schools on each, with shared professional development, resources and a replicated culture and curriculum. Dr. Gott would like to pursue this replication approach when his PSA contract ends in June 2019. One early proposal would be to explore creating a middle school building on the PSA campus to enable us to expand our current resources. Next steps would include working with the district to determine the timeline to apply for P&I grant money. A working group will be developed by Jack and Keith to further develop a proposed vision and option. The board will be exploring how this will affect PSA's day to day leadership and will develop a leadership recruitment strategy as necessary.

IV. Updates

- A.** Policy & Human Resources– Keith McElveen/ Alys Campaigne
Tabled.
- B.** Development & Fundraising – Walter Loiselle
Susan Durand is working on the software to build toward a campaign.
- C.** Military – John McFarlane
Tabled.
- D.** Facilities – Mark Bowden
Items were discussed previously under Principal's Report
- E.** Communications – Morgan Futch
Morgan talked about the need to keep addressing the security of the school and ensure that parents are aware of our safety plan as concerns have arisen in light of the recent school shooting. The PSA facilities safety policy will be

reviewed and updated. Morgan is also meeting with Jean to discuss applications for the Fine Arts grant.

- F. Academic Excellence – Dr. Jennifer Albert
Tabled.

V. Action and Follow Up Items

- A. Vote to approve Helios contract. William made a motion to approve, Alys seconded. All in favor.
 - i. Jack and Keith will set up a replication exploration working group (by 3/6).
 - ii. Tim to send the safety policy to the Policy & HR Committee to be updated (by 2/28).
 - iii. Morgan to meet with Jean on arts grant (by 3/20).
 - iv. Tim to review lab hood specification and warranty materials (by 2/28).
 - v. Mark to contact Miles Glick about flooring review (by 2/28).
 - vi. Tim to get builder letter on flooring replacement plan (by 2/28)
 - vii. William and Tim to finalize 2018-2019 budget (by 3/6).
 - viii. Tim to check on the Helios two year/seven year contract wording (by 2/23).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm. The next board meeting will be held March 20, 2018 at 6:00pm.

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