



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors on June 25th at 6PM at Palmetto Scholars Academy.

I. Administrative

a. Meeting call to order

b. Board Members Roll Call 6:02

- i. Tim Gott (Principal) Present
- ii. John Mulvey Present
- iii. William Quantz Present
- iv. Catherine Parker via phone
- v. Kim Shultz via phone
- vi. Bryan Coppage via phone
- vii. Keith McElveen Present
- viii. Morgan Futch via phone
- ix. Mark Bowden Present
- x. Elizabeth Hallum via phone
- xi. Melissa Knight (Board Member Elect) Present
- xii. Faith Bongiorno (Board Member Elect) Present
- xiii. Cynthia Hall (Board Member Elect) via phone
- xiv. Bernadette Brogan (Faculty Liaison) Not Present
- xv. John Warder (PCA) [absent] Present

c. **Mission Statement:** Palmetto Scholars Academy (PSA) exists to meet the distinctive academic, social, and emotional needs of students by utilizing best practices of gifted education.

d. Public Comment

II. New Business

a. Review Financials

- i. Transportation over budget
- ii. May Financials to be approved via email

b. Adjustments to 2019/2020 Budget

- i. Budget approved at April meeting, but since then several changes had to be accounted for
 1. Budgeted enrollment re-forecasted from 517 to 525
 2. Additional funding available from state, but not certain if it is a permanent increase in funding
 3. Teacher Salary discussions
 - a. Budget proposal allocated increased funding to salaries to close gap between PSA and other area educational employers
 - b. Motion from Keith, seconded by John, made to increase original 3% raise to 5%, with excess funding not originally budgeted to be reprogrammed for salaries when strategic planning is completed later this summer. Motion approved via voice vote.

c. Will need Action Item in July Agenda to approve change to Auditor

d. Administrator Contract Extension



- e. Strategic Planning Session
 - i. Set Date(s) – to be explored via email thread
 - ii. Get faculty, PCA, Athletics and parent involvement
- f. Update on development of Foundation

III. Principals Report – Dr. Tim Gott

- a. JBC Land acquisition update
- b. Transportation – as of 6/25
 - i. Only 30 students committed to Mt. Pleasant bus (target of 35 to break even)
 - ii. Only 24 students committed to West Ashley bus (target of 35 to break even)
 - iii. Direct contact needs to be made (phone calls) with families in areas impacted
- c. As of 6/25 there were 533 enrolled, with 26 families on Military Waitlist
- d. Leap Day plans for upcoming semester – no changes anticipated

IV. Updates

- a. Ad Hoc Committee on Relocation & Expansion
 - i. Documents from tax attorney on setting up corporation received and being evaluated
- b. Policy & Human Resources – Keith McElveen
 - i. Executive Structure Adjustment Proposal by Principal
 - ii. Lottery Procedures Adjustment – to be part of Strategic Planning
- c. Development & Fundraising – Morgan Futch
 - i. Wing Expansion
 - ii. Athletic Fields
 - iii. Fundraising to augment saved development funds
 - iv. Project Timelines
- d. Military – Elizabeth Harris
 - i. Athletic Fields improvements and Lease Timeline. JBC Leadership informed of request and responded that improvements to existing facilities without corresponding increases in student population might result in JBC requesting a higher percentage of student seats.
 - ii. Subletting once property is transitioned to be included in lease. JBC Leadership would consider and evaluate a sublet agreement if PSA wishes to submit a proposal.
 - iii. Statistics on number of elementary grade students on base provided along with 6-12 students. Numbers reflect on base population only, not students of active personnel residing off base.
 - iv. Possibility of Community Development Program or other charitable funding for athletic fields
 - v. JBC to gauge interest in students attending from Naval Weapons Station and if base would provide transportation for those students. Response from JBC Leadership reflects opinion that Elementary and Middle School options for military population are currently adequate, but that the High School options are unsatisfactory. Availability of transportation and driver is uncertain and would need to be evaluated at time of expansion.
 - vi. Volunteer manpower from JBC for projects at PSA – volunteers are available and should be coordinated through Colonel Wilson (or his successor) and Mr. Gerry.
 - vii. DOD funding for field trips for military affiliated students is not available, but funding from charitable organizations sponsored on base by active duty military members and/or spouses can be solicited as needed.
- e. Nominating – Kim Shultz
 - i. Newly elected Board Members to officially start September 1st.



- ii. Post Election – Strategic Planning and 2019/2020 Board activity cadence
- f. Facilities – Mark Bowden
 - i. Will recruit for this committee during Fall Open House
 - ii. Existing Facility expansion (education space & athletic space)
 - 1. Committee to evaluate athletic space expansion in more detail before next meeting
 - 2. Will price out the cost of upgrading athletic spaces
 - iii. Update on floor remediation efforts - tentatively scheduled for replacement starting July 26th
 - iv. Trailer Update – parent is working on railing for trailer steps, once completed should have final approval
- g. Communications – John Mulvey
 - i. Headshots and Bios for New Board Members
 - ii. PSA email addresses established for New Board Members
- h. Academic Excellence – Tim Gott and Catherine Parker
 - i. Discuss efforts to improve math and science curriculum
- i. Grievance – Bryan Coppage

V. Action Items

- a. Approve Financials. Keith moved to approve April Financial report as presented, Mark seconded. April Financials passed via voice vote.
- b. Approve Administrator Contract Extension

VI. Adjournment at 7:35pm

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