



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors on January 21st at 6 pm at Palmetto Scholars Academy

I. Administrative

a. **Meeting call to order** at 6:00 pm

b. Board Members Roll Call

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| i. Tim Gott (Principal) | x |
| ii. Mark Bowden | x |
| iii. John Mulvey | x |
| iv. Melissa Knight | x |
| v. Kim Shultz | x |
| vi. Bryan Coppage | x |
| vii. Elizabeth Hallum | |
| viii. Faith Bongiorno | x |
| ix. Cynthia Hall | x |
| x. Patrick O'Neill | x |
| xi. Keith McElveen (Foundation) | |
| xii. Bernadette Brogan (Faculty Liaison) | |
| xiii. John Warder (PCA) | |
| xiv. Additional: Corrigan Rutherford | x |

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

- i. No comment

II. New Business

- a. Governance Training: None scheduled
- b. Review Financials
- c. Committees to submit marked up Strategic Planning Document via Google Sheets (John to set up)
- d. Polo Shirts distributed
- e. Calendar Access sent out by Bernadette for Committees to put meetings/agendas on calendars. John to send detailed instructions on how to use.

III. Principals Report – Dr. Tim Gott

- a. Enrollment
- i. Some drop in enrollment due to moving (military)
- ii. Down to 508, may bring in 4-5 more mid year
- b. Lottery – Closes January 31st, conducted February 19th.
- c. Charter School District – Elliott Smalley resigning to take over as CEO of a Charter School

IV. Report from Foundation

- a. Exploring ways to optimize debt structure between PSA and new school
- i. Financials shared with Foundation
- b. Bryan and Faith to represent PSA Board to Foundation

V. Committee Updates

- a. Policy & Human Resources Kim



- i. Draft Strategic Plan Updated
 - ii. Identifying and addressing Policy gaps
 - 1. Contacting appropriate committee to address gaps as they are discovered
- b. Development & Fundraising Faith
 - i. Instructional space upgrades and expansion
 - ii. Athletic Fields
 - iii. Fundraising to augment saved development funds
 - iv. Project Timelines
 - v. Three committee members working on meetings
- c. Military Elizabeth
 - i. Elizabeth will follow up on land application – is paperwork routing process the same as it was for previous application
 - ii. Airshow April 18/19, 2020
 - 1. Blue Angels looking for High School to interact with
 - iii. Colonel Terry and Colonel Adams would be interested in meeting the Board – possibly invite to board meeting
- d. Nominating Cynthia
 - i. Cynthia to survey individual board members on whether they intend to remain with the Board
- e. Facilities Bryan
 - i. Existing Facility expansion (instructional space & athletic space)
 - 1. Committee to evaluate athletic space expansion in more detail before next meeting
 - 2. Estimates for upgrading athletic spaces on expansion land
 - 3. Evaluation of wing expansion versus Learning Cottage purchase at end of lease
- f. Communications John
 - i. PSA Board Meetings via conference technology (Public and non-Public) – Google Meetings
 - ii. Working on templates and formats for communicating more effectively (newsletter & notifications)
 - iii. Set up Board Calendar and will distribute instructions for use to all Board members
- g. Academic Excellence Mark
 - i. Met on 1/14
 - ii. Draft completed of Middle School Survival Guide and High School Course Guide to help define what makes PSA a unique school and to communicate that to new students
 - iii. Looking for Mentors for Capstone Projects – Goal is for every Board member to secure 5 Mentors
- h. Grievance Patrick
 - i. Mark Bowden
 - ii. Cynthia Hall
 - iii. Kim Shultz
 - iv. Bryan Coppage
- i. Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation
 - i. Coastal Transportation will not be providing services next year
 - 1. Exploring other options such as School Wheels
 - 2. PSA has opportunity to purchase several 16 passenger buses (can be used for sports)
 - ii. Surveys to determine extent of need



- iii. Trying to recruit people from Mount Pleasant
- j. Ad Hoc Executive Search Committee
 - i. John executing Marketing Plan
 - ii. Melissa evaluating compensation and planning for travel & relocation
 - iii. Mark & Kim leading cross functional Interview panel (parents, teachers, student)

VI. Executive Session

VII. Action Items

- a. November Financials approved via voice vote

VIII. Adjournment at 7:26

Your Governing Board