



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors on October 15th at 6:03pm at Palmetto Scholars Academy.

I. Administrative

a. Meeting call to order

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 | X |
| viii. Faith Bongiorno | X |
| ix. Cynthia Hall | X |
| x. [vacant Board position] | |
| xi. Keith McElveen (Foundation) | X |
| xii. Bernadette Brogan (Faculty Liaison) | |
| xiii. John Warder (PCA) | |
| xiv. Additional: Corrigan Rutherford (Assistant Principal) | |

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. Review Financials (see action item below)
- b. Update on audit progress – to be finished November 1st. Audit firm is wrapping up, only a few details yet.
- c. CCSD has revised their admission criteria for Magnet Schools. Informational only.
- d. Board Vacancy – Nominating Committee working on candidate list.
- e. Establish Grievance Committee
 - i. Mark Bowden
 - ii. Cynthia Hall
 - iii. Kim Shultz
 - iv. Bryan Coppage
- f. Polo Shirts – Shelly is pricing out polo shirts in school colors with a “Palmetto Scholars Academy Board” logo on it for the Board members to wear at events
- g. Shadowing – Dr. Gott suggested that Board members would benefit from spending a day at school “shadowing” and getting to know how it operates.
- h. Faculty Meeting – The faculty has a monthly meeting after school on the last Wednesday of the month. Kim will be attending and any Board members who wish to be there would be welcome.
- i. Background Checks – Cynthia, Elizabeth, Melissa, Faith and new Board Candidates



- j. Committee meetings need agenda and minutes
 - i. John to discuss with Bernadette about adapting Google calendar and other tools for this use on a “Committee” page of the web site so that Chairs can post

III. Principals Report – Dr. Tim Gott

- a. From Elliott Smalley at SC Charter School District:
 - i. Timeline for replication requires letter of intent be sent by November or process is deferred for a year
 - ii. SC Charter School District would support replication of PSA
 - iii. Decision to submit being considered by Palmetto Scholars Foundation
- b. JBC Land acquisition progressing, PSA submitting draft site plan
- c. Enrollment – 522 as of 10/15, will look to wait list for (1) 8th grader [sibling] and (3) or (4) 7th graders
- d. Academics
 - i. School Report Card

IV. Committee Updates

- a. Policy & Human Resources Kim
 - i. Working up initial Strategic Plan Action Items
- b. Development & Fundraising Faith
 - i. Instructional space upgrades and expansion
 - ii. Athletic Fields
 - iii. Fundraising to augment saved development funds
 - iv. Project Timelines
- 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
 - iii. Colonel Terry and Colonel Adams would be interested in meeting the Board
- d. Nominating Cynthia
 - i. Working to fill Board Vacancy
- 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. Still recruiting parents
 - ii. PSA Board Meetings via conference technology (Public and non-Public) – implemented via Zoom
- g. Academic Excellence Mark
 - i. Mapping out objectives and recruiting members
- h. Grievance TBD
- i. Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation
 - i. Surveys to determine extent of need

V. Executive Session

VI. Action Items

- a. Approved Financials via voice vote unanimously



VII. **Adjournment** at 8:00pm
Your Governing Board