

**PSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
5:30pm**

**I. Administrative**

- a. Meeting commencement and call to order at 5:31pm
- b. Board/Member Roll Call:

Board Members	Bryan Coppage	X	Cynthia Hall	X	Mary Brown	X
	Joel Baughman	X	Susan Durand	X	Liliana Hudescu	X
	Faith Bongiorno	X	Jason Colonna	X		
Ex-Officio Members	Corrigan Rutherford	X	Destiny Grant	X	Amber Speights	
	JBC Representative					
Non-Board	Foundation: Keith McElveen	A	Faculty Liaison: Terra Poetzscher	A	PCA: Christine LaRue	X

**X = Present      A = Absent**

- c. Mission statement: Palmetto Scholars Academy (PSA) will provide a differentiated program designed to meet the educational needs of intellectually gifted learners, address their distinctive social and emotional needs, promote individual character development and instill a life-long love of learning. Our students will engage with leading innovative organizations in higher education, business and science, to empower them to make original and impactful contributions toward the elevation of South Carolina in the areas of education, commerce, arts, and science.
- d. Public Comment: none
- e. Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion to: Accept the Agenda

Made by: Mary

Second by: Faith

Vote: unanimous of those present

Board Members	Bryan Coppage	X	Cynthia Hall	X	Mary Brown	X
	Joel Baughman	A	Susan Durand	X	Liliana Hudescu	X
	Faith Bongiorno	X	Jason Colonna	X		

\*Joel arrived late

**II. New Business**

- a. **Discussion/Decision:** Authorization of the Administration's request to have half days of school from June 9th -11th with dismissal following lunch. A board vote to authorize such an action is required by the Charter District.

Principal Rutherford stated that while half days are usually not very appropriate for our school population; however, with the increase in the return to resources and technology, the Administration felt it is in the community's best interests to engage in half days from the 9th to the 11th. She stated that she engaged with the District regarding this request, who found it to be fine, but indicated that it needed to be a Board vote.

Motion to: Authorize the Administration's request to have half days of school from June 9th through June 11th with dismissal following lunch.

Made by: Mary

Second by: Faith

Discussion:

Faith asked what the kids will be doing during these half days, since their technology will be turned in. Principal Rutherford answered that the goal is to offer activities on campus and to offer suggested activities at home but she did recognize that some kids will be giving up their technology to the school because it is necessary. The Administration had to make a cost/benefit decision given the amount of technology that is outstanding and the engagement of the students and the activities that the teachers are going to do. .

Bryan asked if there would be after school activities or care for parents who may not be able to pick up their students until the "normal" time. Principal Rutherford stated that the school is open but that currently there was not a plan for such services. She indicated she would leave it up to AP Grant to see if there was a significant need but indicated that they had the need currently.

Destiny noted that such after school care had not been offered and did not seem to be much of a problem although she was unsure how much of a problem it would be for the time period at question. She indicated that we typically did not have half days for families because we don't have transportation. She indicated she did not know how many families could possibly be negatively impacted.

Principal Rutherford stated that we have substitute teachers that are working with us that could be used if the need was significant enough to warrant.

Destiny agreed that we can be flexible if we see there is a need and can make assistance available.

Bryan noted that Christine LaRue commented on the chat that a few parents had commented on the unofficial Facebook about the difficulties.

Principal Rutherford recognized that half days can be difficult for families and we do have a lot of folks that will be turning in technology. She stated that we have had an increase in people accessing the carpool list. She noted we want to be responsive to those needs and can offer the after school care with the substitutes but it would not be the typical type of afterschool care and we will have to get creative with what we offer.

Liliana asked the Administration how they would know if the community needs the extended care. She also asked how much turnaround time would be needed to organize and sustain such an activity, Principal Rutherford reported that if the Board approved the measure, the Administration can send out a brief survey/sign-up for families to turn around by next week or early the following week to have sufficient supervision to provide the care if needed. AP Grant agreed that the Administration could have

the message out and a survey by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week in order to have the information in time.

Vote: unanimous vote by name

Board Members	Bryan Copping	X	Cynthia Hall	X	Mary Brown	X
	Joel Baughman	X	Susan Durand	X	Liliana Hudescu	X
	Faith Bongiorno	X	Jason Colonna	X		

III. Adjournment at 5:42pm.

Motion to: Adjourn the special call meeting on Friday the 28th

Made by: Liliana

Second by: Faith

Vote: unanimous

Board Members	Bryan Copping	X	Cynthia Hall	X	Mary Brown	X
	Joel Baughman	X	Susan Durand	X	Liliana Hudescu	X
	Faith Bongiorno	X	Jason Colonna	X		