
PEPIN ACADEMIES



PEPIN ACADEMIES OF PASCO COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 4, 2015

Pepin Academies of Pasco County
9804 Little Rd.
New Port Richey, FL 34654
6pm

IN

ATTENDANCE

Board members:

Ed Hammant
Cathy Peckett
Dennis Sheaffer
Mary Spoto
Lisa Richardson via phone

Staff:

Charlie Burke
Celeste Kellar
Lauren Bergold

Guests:

Erin McMillen
Kristina Hudson, Esq.

PUBLIC
COMMENT/
OPENING
COMMENTS

No Public Comment

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

Cathy moved / Ed Hammant Second
All in favor.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Ed Hammant motions to approve the minutes from January.
Cathy Peckett, second.
All in favor.

COMMUNITY
RELATIONS
REPORT

- Passed around Tampa Bay Parenting Magazine with Pepin advertisement in their January Education edition
 - Pepin Academies will be represented at the Healthy Family Fair- Last Saturday in February at Glazer Children's Museum. Created through Tampa Bay Moms Group, will have a table set up to promote Pepin and answer questions.
 - Would like to attend festivals in the Pasco area and attend events, ideas :
 - Rattlesnake Festival
 - Chasco
 - Blueberry Festival, Jackie Manuel: Radio contact... (Dennis sending contact info for)
 - Pasco County Fair:
 - Pepin FIRST (PTO) Update
 - At 59 members
 - Started higher
 - Membership Charge \$10.00
 - Calendaring events,
 - Planning another Tijuana flats event in March
 - Plans to hold a 5k for the 2015-16 school year, sponsors have committed for next year
 - Parent function ideas: a casino night, painting with a twist (a \$20.00 canvas painting, benefiting school)
 - Valentine's sale and donuts
 - expenses are not exceeding what is coming in, \$1,000 available not earmarked
 - low involvement is a challenge: a lot of grandparents are raising kids, also low confidence on what parents feel they can contribute, 58% of the school is on free or reduced lunch
 - Great success with the holiday event, only charged for students to enter, not parents, that entry price plus the bake sale brought in \$900.00
 - Other parent ideas: hold a "parent night out", charge to babysit students, provide activities and movies.
 - Dennis looked into the Bowling event and the price to set up registration is outrageous, better to plan a bowling or skating event where families and students can come enjoy for a limited price.
 - The new website is live at pepinacademies.com , pepinpasco.com is still
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being used, can let families know about the new site design as soon as we are ready and feel campus page is up to date. Comments made questioning the maps and address visibility on the site.

- Applebee's has been known to do pancake breakfasts, where we provide servers, 9am to 11am on a Saturday and we get the proceeds.
- Other event space ideas:
 - Spartan Manor
 - The new guidance counselor is a member of the Greek Church down the street, possibility to hold a spaghetti dinner.
- Principal, Celeste Kellar, mentioned she paid for the staff breakfast in January that was to be a board sponsored event. Board will be splitting the cost
Total: \$215 dollars
Gerald Clay donated \$60.00 so far towards the breakfast.

FINANCE
REPORT

- Finances based on 220 students
- Excluding the loan to Tom Pepin the revenue will cover expenditures.
- Notes are due in June, at this time we can't make it, if we pay it out we jeopardize payroll
- Goal is to get more students by possibly reorganizing the space currently available.
- The campus ideally needs the maximum 250 students to make purchases needed and cover notes.
- Line 49 of the finance report print out is referring to the rent rebuild check, and miscellaneous donations.
- Will keep monitoring the costs and everything will be okay. No major purchases coming up
- There are a few issues with DDR, molding eaves that they need to fix when students are not on campus.
- Mike Laura got security cameras up, need some outside set up

PRINCIPAL'S
REPORT
(CELESTE
KELLAR)

- At 214 students
- Three appropriate students that will come in before FTE.
- 3 applications came in today, try to get them done fast enough
- IEP may not be rewritten in time.
- After Feb 13th no more apps for this year, they will be held till lottery the same time Hillsborough and Riverview do there's.
- Key to this is the projections for next year...
- Ed Hammant asks about Hung Mail looking at current space. Celeste recommends the board motion to have Hung Mai look at current space. Concerned with him doing Riverview.
- Idea to renovate an out parcel or reconfigure inside space in order to go to 250-260 students.
- Biggest challenge is having High School in the current space, they have required courses. Example: may need a biology teacher because you need a student and they need biology.
- Greater need for teachers as we get 11th and 12th grade.
- Keep it 3-8th, in beginning. Some students will have to have virtual classes at Pepin (Pepin will not get FTE funding for this)
- Dennis and Celeste will meet within the next 2 weeks to discuss location.
- Louise Ellrod mentioned she had access to those who can look into current space.
- Joe Cash can look at the layout
- Adding a grade next school year
- (20) 9th graders next year.
- Most openings are in elementary.

INTRODUCTION
OF KRISTINA
HUDSON

Kristina Hudson-

- Friend of Commissioner, Kathryn Starkey
- Interested in being on the board, she will be invited back and asked to join

FEBRUARY FTE-
OUT OF FIELD
LETTER

- Consent to earn letter passed out to the board
- Will be sent out to parents next week
- There is a 3rd grade teacher situation: —
 - She got masters, applied for teaching certificate. ESE can't stand alone without an ESE degree... she applied k-6 but she has to take the test, and has been in communication with the certification teacher, and currently worked as a sub the entire year.
 - Campus cannot have a substitute for two FTE periods, unless you prove you are attempting to interview others for the position. We have the position posted, and are accepting applicants, so the DOE is aware we are seeking out someone else to hire.
 - This teacher failed the test, and is going to Re-take test.
 - Principal Kellar likes this teacher just wants the board to know the situation, and that she is working as a sub at this time.
 - She is willing to work as a sub until she passes.

Ed Hammant motions to accept the teacher out-of-field notification letter to be sent to parents as currently listed.

Lisa Richardson, second.

All in favor.

Adjournment – 7:33pm

Next meeting scheduled for
Tuesday, March 10th at 6PM
Pepin Academies- Pasco Campus

Amy Turner