



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

PEPIN ACADEMIES-PASCO

9804 Little Road

New Port Richey, FL 34654

CALL TO ORDER:

6:05PM

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dennis Shaeffer, Cathy Peckett, Lisa Richardson, Mary Spoto, Dreama Bilby, Celeste Kellar, Kelly Mothershead, Mr. Lowe, Erin McMillen, Liz Montesi

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December Agenda approved (Lisa, Cathy).
January Agenda approved (Lisa, Cathy).
October minutes approved (Lisa, Cathy).
December minutes approved (Lisa, Cathy).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Parent Comment
Mother of two Pepin Pasco high school children voiced concerns over issues with her daughter. Parent expressed concerns on 'N' grades and afternoon pick-up procedure specific to her and her child's needs. Parent also expressed that a specific teacher is being too tough on child considering her disabilities and that is causing even more issues for the child in the classroom. Student had previously been moved to a different classroom per parent request and included in IEP. School admin is continuing to work with the parent to resolve issues. Parent brought to BOD attention because of dissatisfaction at this point and wanted BOD aware.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Celeste Kellar introduced Kelly Mothershead as Pasco's new Community Relations staffperson. Kelly is a life-long resident of Pasco County. She is actively involved with the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary. Kelly is familiar with Pepin Academies as has contacts with parents of Pepin students. She has done community relations work for other businesses and her personally-owned business. Start date is 1/25/2016.

Current enrollment – 271

Elementary – 95, 3 openings in Access

Middle – 106, 4 openings in 7th, 1 opening in 8th

High – 70, 2 openings in Access

Applications and inquiries are increasing. Waitlist is growing across the board with the exception of 7th grade. Assume 7th grade interest is lagging due to upcoming lottery.

Lottery for next school year will be held in May. Struggling with space, especially to serve PE. Still need to determine how to house 12th grade next school year if new class of 3rd graders is to be enrolled.

Middle/High school basketball team has held scrimmages with other Pasco charter school. Parents transport students to games. Obstacles – no gymnasium, transportation.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Unavailable at this time. Charlie Burke not in attendance.

PEPIN F.I.R.S.T.:

FIRST reports profiting \$137 from bake sale held at Holiday Production in December.

Catchin' For Pepin sponsor and registration packets distributed to all in attendance. All should consider sponsoring, fishing or spreading the word about the tournament. Info and registration information at pasco.pepinacademies.com –click Catchin' For Pepin link. Biggest fundraiser of the year. Needs community support.

Upcoming events – Valentine's Party for all grades; Krispy Kreme Donut sale; Pepin Spirit night – local restaurant. Ongoing fundraising – Smencils (scented pencils) sale.

Dennis offered information to FIRST about possibility of group working concessions at Buc's game next season. Contact at Buc's program for this is Kate Abbott.

OTHER BUSINESS:

CSU Charter Support Unit – in discussion with this group to help grow Board of Directors in support of Mission. Louise Ellrod has resigned from the Board. Dennis expressed in need of VP, Secretary, active member. A few people not currently involved with BOD have shown

interest. Information from CSU and plan of action to be disseminated by February Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Celeste requested approval of teacher and administration evaluation plans. Plan approved last school year, but must be approved annually. Approved (Lisa, Dreama). Celeste will follow up with info about plans and provide to Board.

Expansion Update- LOI sent to owners of new facility. Pepin wants to close on property in the fall. Current owners wants to close in the summer. Still not able to disclose location. Current owner is excited to work with Pepin. BOD looking into contractors to remodel facility. Recommendations are welcome. Charlie is continuing to explore financing options.

ADJOURNMENT:

6:36PM

Next meeting – Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 – 6PM