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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday October 5, 2016

PEPIN ACADEMIES-PASCO

9804 Little Road

New Port Richey, FL 34654

(Meeting held Rasmussen College 18600 Fernview St. Land O Lakes, FL)

CALL TO ORDER:

5:04 pm

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Dennis Sheaffer, Cathy Peckett, DeLynn Gaston, Tom Ryan, Tammy Curtis, Ruth Reilly, Mary Spoto, Kris Hudson, Celeste Kellar, Charlie Burke, Jason Aponte, Kelly Mothershead, Liz Montesi, Catherine Burns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of September meeting minutes-Ruth motioned to approve, Tammy seconded, all approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no guests or Public comments.

DISCUSSION:

Dennis discussed our need for additional board members who are willing to step into Leadership roles. As of this meeting none of our board members expressed an interest in moving into positions of Chair, Vice-Chair or Secretary.

DISCUSSION:

Kelly gave Community Relations report- Kelly discussed donations received for Pepin Academies Gala and gave the board an update from Holly. We have secured \$102,000 from sponsors, donations and tickets. The invitations were sent out but there was a problem with the printing (ink not drying) and the printer is not charging us for them. We discussed the list of items donated by Pasco board members. Kelly discussed securing a location for Staff event that was held Friday September 30th at Seven Springs Country club, and Trinity New Life Church for prom, and Graduation 2017 as well as for our Winter performance. She discussed putting together a Veterans Day program at the school and inviting local dignitaries. Kelly is working with the Athletics department to find a

\$2000 sponsor to support Pepin Athletics programs. Memberships in all of the local chambers of commerce and Leadership Pasco started. She is hoping to host a Ford Drive 4UR school next year for fundraising. Kelly also mentioned the need for a budget line item for Community involvement projects, events, etc. Kelly has also been collecting school supply donations and special requests for items the teachers are asking for.

PEPIN FIRST REPORT:

Liz spoke on behalf of Pepin First. Parent sign ups went well (138). Main focus for Pepin first will be, Trunk or Treat, Holiday fundraising event, and Catchin for Pepin Fishing Tournament. First Pepin First meeting of the year will be end of September, working on the date. Meetings will be bi-monthly. Dennis asked how the Bucs ticket program was going, but Liz did not have the totals. Dennis also asked about the Lightning ticket night, but no one was aware of this program, they vied to found out and report back. Liz added that 12 classrooms were adopted so far.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Celeste presented the updated Slate of Teachers for 2016-2017 to the board. Cathy motioned to approve this slate of teachers, Ruth seconded, all approved. Celeste stated that we have 310 FTE's. Celeste held a parent education night on the topic of bullying and only one parent attended. All discussed maybe making a robocalls as a reminder and incentivizing parents to attend. 42 attended the staff event, there was food, trivia games and prizes. Celeste asked for a vote for Digital Classroom plan for \$6400 grant. Delynn motioned to approve, Cathy seconded, all approved. Celeste discussed the Rooms to go donations, they will visit the school on October 13 to assess the needs of furniture in the media center. Celested reminded everyone of the SACS visit coning December 1st. Celeste explained that all IEPS had to be re-written and the staff was requiring some OT to compete them.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Charlie stated that audits are done. We will post on the website next week, we had a good year. Copies were presented to board members. The budget was trimmed, there was some gross revenue. There were some payroll changes due to overtime, taxes were up a little and our surplus was just under \$50,000. We don't know the cost of health insurance for the new year coming up or any maintenance costs, but we have about \$430,000 cash in the bank. He will meet with Celeste and set up a budget for community events, and Kelly will submit receipts for

reimbursement of approved items. These items will be approved by Celeste on a monthly basis, or as needed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Tom discussed financing options and current situations. Tom also discussed meeting with Curtis and the Building Hope consulting firm to help schools expand and finance. Tom suggested a workshop for Expansion committee members to understand what is needed for this expansion. He wants to meet publicly with the committee quarterly to keep all options open. He will set up a workshop and email to board members and it will be posted on our website for public attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS:
ADJOURNMENT:**

Next meeting- Wednesday November 2, 2016 5pm.
6:11 pm