



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday March 1, 2017

PEPIN ACADEMIES-PASCO

9804 Little Road

New Port Richey, FL 34654

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

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CALL TO ORDER:

5:06 pm

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Natalie King, Cathy Peckett, DeLynn Gaston, Ruth Reilly, Tari Mitchell, Dreama Bilby, Erin McMillen

Others in Attendance: Celeste Kellar (Principal), Katherine Burns (Director), Jason Aponte (HR Director), Charlie Burke (CFO), Holly Lisle (PASS), Joel King (Teacher)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of February meeting minutes- Ruth motioned to approve, Tari seconded, all approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pepin Pasco teacher Joel King commented on positive impact Pepin Pasco has on students and staff. Mr. King stressed the importance of finding permanent campus because current location and environment is not conducive to increasing student assessment scores.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Celeste reviewed presentation with pertinent information. Compliance Reporting – Financials submitted and all drills (fire, weather, etc.) completed.

Pepin Pasco will participate in Title II (training funding) and will be used for preparing, training, recruiting, and retaining talent (staff).

FTE count is currently 311. Projected 325 next year (60- elem, 111- middle, 120-high, 4- FAPE/transition).

Discussed recent campus activities including Camp Read-A-Lot, book fair, honor roll breakfast. Upcoming – middle/high conference night, charter school job fair, College & Career Night, lunch for staff on Teacher Planning

Day 3/17, Spring Break 3/20 – 3/24, Florida Teaching Conference (great opportunity to recruit new teachers). Natalie brought up possible opportunity for Career Night. Kathie Burns will contact Natalie for more information.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Chair Tari Mitchell discussed process for selection of auditor. Possible use of same firm used in Hillsborough. RFP put together for inspection and will be out by 3/15. Response needed in less than 30 days. Committee plans to present recommendation of auditor in April. Completed audit is due in August.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT:

Tari reported on behalf of committee as Tom Ryan not in attendance. Future meeting will be set hopefully for date a date in March at Pasco EDC. Ray Gadd will be invited to join as speaker at meeting. April meeting will consist of specific workshops and will coordinate with Finance Committee to cover many bases. Tari talked about the history of Facilities Committee.

Delynn expressed concern about slow action of committee. Charlie talked about current strategies to acquire more space (classroom space and outside areas) at current location: tire shop has no A/C; bank building is cost-prohibitive to retrofit: restaurant (3200 sq ft) is possibility for classrooms, testing space and outdoor space. Charlie met with contractor at Pepin Pasco today to tour and discuss needs of current space, with focus on high school pod. Still waiting on response from district about status of charter and compliance of contract. Natalie is confident Pasco is meeting standards.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Charlie reviewed current financial status. Not much has changed. Projection is just over \$4.1 million in revenues and \$4.05 million in expenses, leaving surplus of \$57,000. Cash on hand is currently at 43 days, as opposed to 40 days reported last month. Charlie would like to see cash grow to 60 days. No budget amendment necessary at this time.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:

Holly Lisle – Tom Pepin and Pepin Foundation gifted \$10,000 to both campuses for sensory lab. Check ceremony will be held. Spectrum committed to two PSAs; Pasco PSA will focus on 6th grade Samsung STEAM project. Holly will be grouping with Charlie, Kelly, and Daviera (Tampa) for new branding and to create 'wish list' website for donations. 2017 Gala will be held on 11/2 at

TPepin's Hospitality Centre. Theme will be Cirque de Pepin Academies. PASS Board member Guy King and his wife will be community event chairs. Natalie talked about seats available at table sponsored by Tom Pepin.

PEPIN FIRST REPORT:

Date of the car show coordinated by Pepin Pasco parent has changed to May 6. Location is USA Flea Market on US 19 in Hudson. Erin talked about Catchin' for Pepin coming up 4/23. Group is currently seeking sponsors, anglers, auction and raffle items. Sponsors so far include Ierna's Heating and Air and Fish On Fishing Club of New Port Richey. Custom snook rod raffle tickets available. Rod can be won even if not present at Awards Dinner on 4/23. Tickets are currently on sale for \$5 or five tickets for \$20. Erin asked that everyone get involved by seeking sponsors, anglers, or auction/raffle items for the event.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.