



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday April 10, 2017

PEPIN ACADEMIES-PASCO

9804 Little Road

New Port Richey, FL 34654

CALL TO ORDER:

5:10 pm Meeting was called to order.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members in Attendance:

Chair Natalie King, DeLynn Gaston, Tammy Curtis, Kris Hudson, Erin McMillen, Ruth Reilly, Lisa Richardson, Tom Ryan

Board Members NOT in Attendance:

Amy Turner, Dreama Bilba, Mary Spoto, Cathy Peckett, Tari Mitchell

Staff Members:

Principal Celeste Kellar, Charlie Burke, Kelly Mothershead, Jason Aponte, Katherine Burns

Guests:

Jeff Skowronek, Chair Pepin Academies Hillsborough & Chair of Pepin Academies Foundation
Liz Montesi, Parent and Pepin First member
8 Teachers and 1 parent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion by Tom Ryan to approve March Meeting Minutes; Seconded by Tammy Curtis.
Approved Unanimously**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

DISCUSSION:

Natalie King welcomed and thanked guests in attendance and invited Board Members and Staff to introduce themselves.

Community Relations Report:

Kelly Mothershead reported on current activities:

- PA Pasco participated in the Chasco Festival Boat Parade, placing 3rd and winning \$200 for the school that will be used for prom decoration, etc.

- Preparation and planning for Prom and Graduation activities are underway.
- Mr. Pepin & RSA sponsored tables at the Pasco Education Foundation Cinderella Ball.
- The team is gearing up for the 2017 Gala

Natalie King Invited Chairman Jeff Skowronek to provide an overview of the Pepin Academies Foundation and its role in supporting the schools. Highlighting the Teacher Mini Grants.

PEPIN FIRST REPORT:

Liz Montesi shared plans for the teacher appreciation week Erin McMillen passed out the sponsor packets and flyers for the second annual Catchin for Pepin Fishing tournament and invited the Board to join in efforts to secure sponsors, Anglers and auction items. She also mentioned the custom fishing rod and reminded everyone that we had tickets to sell for that.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Keller provided an update on student enrollment (currently at 311 FTE's with projected student enrollment of 325) and shared that the open enrollment lottery will take place on May 5, 2017. Current openings are 19 in elementary, 9 in Middle school, 10 in High School and none currently for Access.

Discussed ongoing effort to secure grants including the Rooms to Go grant.

Principal Keller reported that the Fire Marshall approved doors for 13 or our 14 openings. The cost analysis is being conducted with the goal of installing doors over the summer.

PA Pasco has 2 students invited to participate in Congressman Bilirakis' Round table leadership summit. There are several upcoming events including Health Fair, Prom and Graduation.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

CFO Charlie Burke reported that the financials are stable with a projection of \$4.1 MM in Revenues and \$4 MM expenses, for a surplus of \$83,000. There is 40 days' cash on hand with \$440k in the bank. Copies of financials were provided to all board members.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

No updates from the audit committee

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Tom Ryan reinforced that identifying a permanent facility is the Boards top priority. A facilities committee meeting

will be scheduled to discuss financial options, explore options related to retrofitting an existing building vs new build and recommended consideration of retaining someone with expertise (Architect/Engineer) in site acquisition including design, code and compliance issues. Mr. Ryan discussed focusing on the immediate need is High school-extended lease. Charlie Burke discussed the ideas for other buildings in the complex and the pros and cons of the various options.

A motion was made by Delynn Gaston to allow Charlie Burke to move forward with the proposal to acquire additional space within the shopping center. The motion was seconded by Ruth Reilly. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Skowronek shared lessons learned and insights from how the construction was handled at the Riverview campus.

Natalie King updated the Board on the status of the 15 Year Term Retention Request to the Pasco County School Board and invited PA Pasco Board members to join her at the May 16th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next meeting to be determined, but the location will be at Pepin Pasco campus.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tom Ryan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm; motion seconded by Delynn Gaston seconded. Motion approved unanimously.