



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday April 4, 2018
PEPIN ACADEMIES-PASCO
9804 Little Road
New Port Richey, FL 34654

CALL TO ORDER:

5:20pm Meeting called to order by Ruth Reilly

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members in Attendance:

Delynn Gaston, Mary Spoto, Cathy Peckett, Dreama Bilby,
Dale Bieber, Ruth Reilly, Erin McMillen

Board Members NOT in Attendance:

Natalie King, Kris Hudson, Tom Ryan

Staff Members:

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

Guests:

Mathew Kindel, Safaray Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Delynn Gaston moved to approve February minutes. Dale
Bieber seconded motion. Motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

DISCUSSION:

Introduction of Guests.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

All compliance reports, March fire drill, property report
and monthly financials were submitted to the district on
March 31, 2018.

Assessments continue until May 18, 2018. Pepin Pasco
started FSA assessments on March 5, 2018. Next round of
assessments will begin on April 9, 2018.

Since the last Board meeting in February, the school held a
conference night March 8th. College and career night
March 8th (representatives from Marchman, AMskills,
Team Farrell, Bene Career Academy and PHSC attended.)
Pepin Pasco had a group of volunteers assisting with

Chasco Fiesta. Upcoming school events include April 6th *Spring Musical*, April 12th *Meet the Honorary Governor Event* (John Gaston is running for Honorary Governor which will benefit Pepin Academies Pasco). April 13-15 is the Avila Tennis tournament and April 29th is our Catchin For Pepin fishing tournament.

Prom is May 4th at Fox Hollow Golf Club

Graduation is Thursday May 24th 6pm at the Verizon Event Center in New Port Richey.

The school has some teachers going on an educational China trip! All expenses are paid and the trip runs from July 6 to July 17, 2018. Dayspring Academy is coordinating same and invited us to participate. Visiting delegation from China toured the school today. We have about 15 teachers going.

The deadline for parents to submit their child's intent to return for the next calendar year is 4/6/18. To date, 190 students have responded.

The deadline for accepting applications for consideration in the school's lottery is 4/29/18. So far, there are 98 new applications. The lottery will be held May 4, 2018 at 9am.

There was a discussion of Senate Bill 70-26 which involves security on campus and SRO's. We don't have anything finalized. Hillsborough campus had a charter principals' meeting which was different than Pasco charter principals' meeting. Funding has been increased for us to cover safety and mental health counselors. We are considering hiring more mental health counselors; we currently have one. Nothing has been decided. Pepin Pasco will be participating in a program created by Sheriff Nocco regarding school safety. Staff will be polled to see if they would be interested in being trained by the Sheriff's office to carry a weapon. It would be non-instructional personnel. No decisions will be made until we have a better understanding of the requirements and the funding. Hopefully we will have more information by the next board meeting to make an informed decision.

The school is trying to improve student attendance. Pepin Pasco has some students with very poor attendance. It lowers our school's daily attendance rates. Our overall rates are improving but there are a few specific students who are not meeting the attendance requirements. Pepin Pasco is considering requiring those with poor attendance to re-apply via the lottery for spot at our school. Celeste

would like the board's opinion. Pepin Pasco board members agree that there should be a consequence. That way, those spots could be filled with students who will want to attend.

PCPT Transportation issue has not been resolved. PCPT is stating that they will not provide transportation. Congressman Gus Bilirakis says they can't do that, as it is a violation of the law. We are telling our parents that they would have to contact PCPT directly. We don't have control over the issue; only PCPT does. Natalie is working on this.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Charlie Burke distributed copies of the financials to all board members and staff For financials thru March 31, 2018. The majority of our income, 90%, is for FTE, to wit: \$3,252,333.00. We have \$3,285,000.00 in expenses for a net loss of (\$33,104.00). We are projecting a small surplus of about \$5,000.00. Best and Brightest bonuses of \$33,600.00 for teachers who were effective and highly effective. There was an upward adjustment of FTE, which increased by almost \$82,000.00 and there is more than 50 days cash on hand, \$616,000.00.

Cathy Peckett moved to approve Financials, Delynn Gaston Seconded motion. Motion passed.

HR REPORT:

Jason Aponte nothing to report

BUILDING/FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Tom Ryan was not in attendance. No update.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT: Kelly Mothershead shared that she is speaking to many Pasco county groups about Pepin Academies. Kelly worked on selling Yearbook ads to local community businesses. Worked the full 9 days of Chasco Fiesta. Working with John and Delynn Gaston as John is running for honorary Governor. We are organizing events and fundraisers to promote. West Pasco Chamber will split the money he raises with Pepin Academies. Kelly is working on getting donated items for auctions, sponsors and anglers for Catchin for Pepin fishing tournament. Kelly is collecting prom dresses for our students. Kelly was elected as Chair for the Commission on the Status of Women. She is an active Rotarian and on the Board for the North Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce.



PEPIN FIRST REPORT:

Erin McMillen discussed activities that Pepin First is working on. Pepin first is providing meals for Teacher appreciation week the first week in May. They have the Moving Up Ceremony and End of Year awards. Pepin First will be supplementing the funds for prom as needed. Catchin for Pepin fishing tournament needs anglers. They are still looking for great auction items as well. It will be held Sunday April 29, 2018 at Catches Waterfront Grill. Tom Pepin is entering two boats with Pepin Distributing employees. We have some themed baskets, etc. We will have raffles and auction items. Spectators may come and enjoy the after party for \$15 each. We are also selling raffle tickets for the custom fishing rod. Cathy Peckett suggested selling Chick Fil A calendars as a fundraiser. Erin will bring that up to First members to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT:

Cathy Peckett motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Delynn Gaston, Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday May 2, 2018 @ 5:00pm

*Kelly Board Chair
5/2/18*