



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday October 3, 2018

PEPIN ACADEMIES-PASCO

9804 Little Road

New Port Richey, FL 34654

CALL TO ORDER:

5:30pm Meeting called to order by Kris Hudson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members in Attendance:

Kris Hudson, Tom Ryan, Cathy Peckett, Dale Bieber, Delynn Gaston,

Board Members NOT in Attendance:

Natalie King, Ruth Reilly, Mary Spoto, Dreama Bilby

Staff Members:

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

Guests:

Staff: Patty Gonzalez, Jennifer Morris, Patrick Gonzalez, Richard Chase, Jennifer Rosoff, Yanny Fernandez, Catherine Cipriano, Tiffani Atkinson, David Mattingly, Jan Schartz, Kimberly Evans, Sharon Legault

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dale Bieber moved to approve September meeting minutes. Delynn Gaston seconded motion. All approved, Motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment, staff members to speak later in the meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Kris Hudson opened the meeting, she thanked all of the guests for attending. Kris noted that there was no public comment but that staff members would be allowed time to speak and present to the board at the appropriate time during the meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Celeste Kellar stated that there are 323 students enrolled and currently there just over 50 students on a waiting list

and Pepin Pasco is at capacity with no openings. Celeste discussed upcoming events and recently held events. All compliance reporting has been met.

Celeste Kellar provided copies of the list of out of field teachers and the letter being sent to parents that will also be posted on the Pepin Academies Pasco website for approval by the board. **Delynn Gaston motioned to approve the out of field teacher report and letter to parents, Cathy Peckett seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.**

Celeste Kellar also presented the School Improvement Plan. The School Improvement Plan will be posted to the Pepin Academies Pasco website and submitted to Pasco County School District. The Board reviewed and discussed the goals and improvements from 2018 and 2019. They also discussed improvements made in attendance due to the recent attendance policy and incentive programs implemented. **Tom Ryan motioned to approve the School Improvement Plan, Kris Hudson seconded the motion, all approved, the motion passed.**

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Charlie Burke distributed copies of the financials, audited statements and supplementary information to all board members thru September 30, 2018. The report shows a surplus of \$45,594.00 and that amount will change over time due to IDEA, capital outlay not received as of yet. There is approximately 50 days of cash on hand, that amount has been consistent. There are no significant changes. The board needs to vote to approve the budget amendment to add \$5000 for capital purchase of furniture and software needed. **Tom Ryan motioned to approve this budget amendment, Delynn Gaston seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.** Charlie Burke introduced Amy-Sr Manager and Olivia-Sr. Auditor with Gregory, Sharer & Stuart Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants. They both provided a presentation of Pepin Academies Pasco audited financial statements and all supplementary information. Amy stated that their audit rendered a clean audit opinion, meaning that there were no significant changes and the audit meets Government Accounting Standards.

HR REPORT:

Jason Aponte nothing to report at this time

BUILDING/FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

Kris Hudson explained the issues with facilities, discussed several options that have been looked at including Natalie King working with the Pasco County School District about

any and all possibilities. There is still some discussion regarding Ridgewood taking place as well as other potential opportunities. Some staff members of Pepin Academies Pasco spoke regarding the problem with the location of the school. Richard Chase represented the teachers and staff that were present and some who were not able to attend with a "moving" power-point presentation about the staff feelings about the issues with the location and safety concerns due to the design, layout and location of the school campus. Sharon Legault addressed the board with concerns regarding location and discussed the difficulties of teaching in a cramped and crowded environment. Yanny Fernandez also presented about why a new campus was so important to our students, staff and parents. Kris Hudson thanked all staff members for attending and for taking their time to express their concerns, Kris also assured them that this board considers the location of the school to be of utmost importance and that the board will work diligently to find a "permanent" location. Tom Ryan added that the facilities committee has been working together to look at other options in our community and they are working with lenders and developers also.

Dale Bieber addressed staff members and asked that they write down and submit their wishes to the board and that the board would do their best to work towards creating a building fund to help meet the school's needs.

Tom Ryan stated that the facilities committee will be committed to meeting monthly, sometimes by conference call, but they will work diligently to fulfill the goal of a new location. Kris Hudson will work with Natalie King to get updates on the continued partnership with the Pasco County School District regarding a location. Charlie Burke will find out how to add a direct payment button on our website for donations directly to our Facilities fund.

PRINCIPALS REVIEW:

Kris Hudson will meet with this committee immediately following this board meeting to complete this review. It will be an action item at our next board meeting.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:

Kelly Mothershead shared that she is speaking to many Pasco county groups about Pepin Academies. Kelly discussed two bicycles that were donated to the school for high school attendance awards. Kelly is working on more donations. Kelly spoke to Publix and the United Way about Pepin Academies this week. Raffle ticket sales continue for the Superbowl raffle tickets until Thanksgiving; the



drawing is to be held December 9th. The money raised from the raffle will be for Athletics. Kelly is also working on additional athletics sponsors. Classroom sponsors are still coming in, with about 18 sponsored now. Whiskey Joes has agreed to host and promote Catchin' for Pepin. The Catchin' for Pepin date will be May 4th, which is a Saturday. Kelly also discussed Dancing with the Stars as it will benefit Pepin Academies foundation. There is also a Golf Tournament, Gala, and Tennis Tournament benefitting the Pepin Foundation coming up. All Pepin Foundation events benefit all three schools.

PEPIN FIRST REPORT:

Pepin First was not in attendance, Kelly gave the Pepin First update. She discussed the uniform sale. First decorated to welcome staff back to school and provided meals during preplanning week. First also provided umbrellas and ponchos for the rainy school days. Upcoming events are: Fall Fundraiser Catalog Sales (beginning Oct 16) and Trunk or Treat (October 26). Spirit Wear shirts are coming soon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dale Bieber moved to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Kris Hudson. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, November 7, 2018. 5:30pm

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