



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday February 11, 2020
PEPIN ACADEMIES-PASCO
9804 Little Road
New Port Richey, FL 34654

CALL TO ORDER:

5:41pm Meeting called to order by Kris Hudson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members in Attendance:

Kris Hudson, Ruth Reilly, Tom Ryan, Cathy Peckett, Dreama Bilby, Delynn Gaston

Board Members NOT in Attendance:

Matt Kindel

Staff Members:

Celeste Kellar, Charlie Burke (phone),
Kelly Mothershead

Guests:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Cathy Peckett motioned to approve January board meeting minutes Dreama Bilby seconded, all were in favor, the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public comment

DISCUSSION:

Kris Hudson opened the meeting. She thanked all board members and staff for their attendance.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Celeste Kellar discussed the tragic loss of one of our students by suicide. The loss has affected our students in the school greatly and the crisis team has been on site for students and staff. The Pasco County School District has been very supportive and helpful. Our Pepin Tampa Campus sent additional support counselors to assist during this time. The crisis team and additional support will remain in place as needed. The Celebration of Life will be held Sunday February 16, 2020, from 3-6pm. FTE week was last week, and we reported 326 students. The Charter school accountability report was submitted to the state. Title II Part A-Intent to Participate for 2020-2021 was submitted. We do allow the District to keep

these funds as this provides for us to avail ourselves to teacher training. IDEA Part B-Intent to Participate for 2020-2021 was submitted and we keep our monies from IDEA. Taco Tuesday was held last week at the new facility, which allowed staff to visit and tour the new facility. The event was very well attended by staff. Everyone was extremely positive and excited about the new location. Thanks to Booth & Cook, PA (Kris Hudson) for sponsoring the Taco Truck for all the staff to enjoy. Enrollment projections for 2020-2021 are due on 2/28/2020. We need to determine what we are going to project to the District. Parent Liaison, Erin McMillan, has resigned. A new parent Liaison, Liz Montesi, was recommended for approval to the Board. **Cathy Peckett motioned to approve Liz Montesi, Tom Ryan seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion passed.** We are excited to have Liz Montesi join our team.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Charlie provided his report over the phone. There were no changes to report other than those related to the new facility. Tom asked about capitalized interest. Charlie explained that this is to defer payments by capitalizing on interest and deferring payments for two years. End of January close to \$600,000 in escrow account. Wilmington Trust holds the funds. The \$100,000 loan from the foundation need to be re-paid asap.

HR REPORT:

No HR update.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

No Legislative update

BUILDING/FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

Kris Hudson provided copies of the breakdown of costs, Charlie was on the phone to discuss and explain this breakdown. Charlie discussed a \$750,000 savings per year for us overall on the bond financing (from our budgeting expenses for the new facility) because of our favorable interest rate. We discussed the closing on the property and the bond process through January. We discussed the investor phone call and taking the project to market. We advised that all of the Investors asked a lot of questions regarding our school, including both financial as well as educational questions.

PRINCIPALS REVIEW:

Principal Review Committee will be meeting prior to the next board meeting.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT



Kelly Mothershead shared that she is speaking to many Pasco County groups about Pepin Academies. Kelly discussed the new Sunset Rotary Club is sponsoring Pepin Academies Pasco for an Interact Club. Kelly is working on the Biggest Loser weight loss challenge with the staff. Kelly is also working with Kelsey to develop PowerPoint presentations for dinner fundraisers, transition program and community presentations. Working on the new location groundbreaking ceremony. Kelly discussed those board members who will be due for retraining for Governance training this year, Cathy Peckett will be due June 4, 2020, and Kris Hudson will be due September 7, 2020. Kelly also discussed the transition program and our local business which plan on working with us when we are ready.

The Pepin Foundation has posted offering the position of Development Director. Breanne Strepina is working in this capacity in the interim until the permanent position is filled.

PEPIN FIRST REPORT:

Pepin First had nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ruth Reilly motioned to adjourn, Kris Hudson seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:38pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday March 4, 2020 at 5:30pm at Pepin Academies Pasco school campus



3/4/2020