

PVPA Charter Public School
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2017

Present: Donovan Arthen, James Barnhill, Keith Black, Rachel Dionne,
Gary Huggett, Deborah Jacobson, Noah Hornick, Sean Moore,
Alison Noyes, Geoff Sumi, Stephen Therrien, Melinda Winter

Staff Present: Marcy Conner

Next meeting: June 27, 2017; 6:00pm; Library

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm with quorum.

Mission Statement:

Read by Melinda Winter

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Minutes:

May 9, 2017 Minutes – There was discussion regarding the documentation that Scott Goldman submitted to Board Members. Geoff Sumi to consult with legal counsel as to whether the document must be posted with minutes or if it can be made available upon request. Motion made to approve Minutes without attached documentation subject to consultation with counsel. Motion approved by consensus (12 in favor; no opposed; no abstentions)

May 30, 2017 Minutes – approved by consensus (12 in favor; no opposed; no abstentions)

President's Business: (presented by Geoff Sumi)

- Update on new Head of School

George Simpson has been in contact with Geoff, Marc Kenen, Marcy Conner, Laura Davis, and Llama Maynard regarding PVPA topics specifically and Charter Schools in general. George will be at school during the staff work day on June 26 as well as on June 27 for the administration day. July 3 will be his official start date. George is speaking with Charter Public Communications on how to enhance public relations.

The Board should hold a reception for George Simpson in the fall. Alison and Melinda volunteered to coordinate the reception. A press release should be published when George arrives in July.

Teacher appreciation will be held on June 26 with a pot luck luncheon. It would be nice to have some Board presence.

Thom Vreeland advised Geoff of the potential to live-stream Board meetings. Discussion on Live Streaming will be tabled until next year.

- Update on progress of investigation

A report should be available this week from the investigation. A special meeting will need to be called to review the report. A question was raised as to how the Board should deal with potential publicity regarding the investigative report. A suggestion was made that a public relations piece that describes the values and intentions of the school and the Board be released.

A motion is made to appoint President of Board the authority to waive ban of Scott Goldman at premises in whole or in part on one or more specified occasions. Motion approved by consensus (12 in favor; no opposed; no abstentions)

Finance: (presented by Marcy Conner and Deb Jacobson)

- Discussion of and vote on FY2018 Budget

Capital Budget – Marcy presented the Capital Budget to the Board Members and indicated that because New Century Theatre is renting space during the summer, the HVAC units and East Annex roof project will be pushed out until next year. A motion was made to accept the FY2018 Capital Budget. Motion approved by consensus. (12 in favor; no opposed; no abstentions)

Operating Budget – Marcy presented the Operating Budget indicating that various factors made it a difficult budget to put together –

- Projections from DESE were released late in the year
- Interim Admin Team had to come together to work on budget with regards to staffing
- Creation, approval and incorporation of the new salary matrix
- Presentation of BC/BS and ADP Platform models along with faculty review and decision

Budget includes two additional FTE for substitute teachers and a half time adjustment counselor. The new salary matrix is included within budget as well as some additional stipends.

Budget was presented to Finance Committee who voted to recommend the budget to the Board.

A motion was made to accept the FY2018 Operating Budget as presented. Motion approved by consensus (9 in favor; no opposed; 2 abstentions)

Governance: (presented by James Barnhill and Geoff Sumi)

- Board membership for 2017 – 2018; vote on election of slate of candidates

A motion was made to elect the slate of candidates as presented (Marc Kenen and Stephen Therrien for two-year terms as community representatives; Melinda Winter for a two-year term as parent representative; Geoffrey Sumi for two-year term as community representative, and continuing as Board president; Keith Black's status as parent representative was converted to community representative due to the graduation of his son). Motion approved by consensus. (11 in favor; no opposed; no abstentions)

- Membership of the Friends Board

Motions were made to 1. Conditionally appoint Donovan Arthen, Deborah Jacobson, and Melinda Winter to the Friends Board; 2. Friends Board By-Laws be amended to change voting procedures; 3. Change name of entity. Motions were approved by consensus. (10 in favor; no opposed; no abstentions)

- Proposal for annual award for community service – tabled until September

Development / Head of School Report: (presented by Marcy Conner)

MCAS and MAPS testing, including the 7/8 computerized MCAS and MAPS, are complete.

The school has been in communication with DESE. The next site visit will be during Fall 2017. Conditions will be discussed during that time.

Graduation was a success and preparations are taking place for the start of the next school year.

Students: (presented by Noah Hornick and Stephen Therrien)

The new student council members met for the first time during lunch. Students are preparing for end of school

Staff: (presented by Gary Huggett)

Open Session:

A comment was made thanking all members of the board for their support to the school.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:32pm by consensus. (10 in favor; no opposed; no abstentions)

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel D. Dionne, Board Secretary