

Minutes

February 11, 2018

Welcome - Wes Westmoreland, Vice-Chair

In Attendance were Vice-Chair Wes Westomoreland, Pauline Cahill, Bianca Muller, Robert Brown, Mike Jackson, Chair Debbie Clary, Steve Grinton

Guest of the Board included: Coach Clark and Jimmy Stephens.

Meeting began at 2:00 PM. Wes Westomoreland welcomed everyone.

Conflict of Interest Statement In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. If any board member has any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the board today, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict at this time, and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

Adoption of Agenda – Vice-Chair Wes Westmoreland had a change in the agenda and asked Coach Clark to come and speak about the athletic programs – Pauline Cahill made a motion to accept the Agenda with the proposed change and Mike Jackson seconded, the agenda was unanimously adopted.

Approval of Minutes - January 14, 2018 Meeting minutes were

inadvertently left out of the original package and will be approved via email vote on Monday. (Minutes were approved via board email and posted to the PCA website for public on Tuesday)

Public Comments Persons wishing to appear before the Board during this portion of the meeting should register their name and the subject they wish to address with the Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting. Each presentation will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Board is interested in hearing your concerns, yet speakers should not expect comment, action, or deliberation on subject matter brought up during the public comment segment. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate board committee.

Vice-Chair Wes Westomoreland turned the floor over to Coach Clark to update the board on planning for sports at PCA. Coach Clark said when they decided to do Volleyball, 45 students showed up to the tryouts. This is the first volleyball team for middle school and high school. He then talked about the inaugural season for basketball. The middle school boy's team is 5 and 3 and girls are 7 and 0 and JV record is 8 and 1. Attendance at Wednesday's basketball game was 250 people.

Vice- Chair Wes Westmoreland asked how money from attendance is being used. Coach Clark explained that money from athletics admissions program will be used for future athletic needs. They are working on starting baseball, softball and soccer teams. He stated that he has coaches for all three sports and volunteer parents assisting. Clark noted the signup sheets for girls and boys Soccer & Track showed a strong interest from students.

Vice-Chair Wes Westomoreland asked what Coach Clark needs board to be aware of looking forward. Coach Clark just wants the board to be informed and supportive of athletics. Clark stated that Academics comes first but from what he's experienced so far, students that used to get in trouble are no longer getting in trouble and grades are coming up. The current grade requirement to participate in sports is 2.0 GPA and Clark suggested making it 2.5 GPA.

Pauline Cahill – asked questions about competitions in the current gym. Robert Brown explained the Court was not built for High School but if they flip the gym floor design, they can put bleachers in and use for competition.

Chair Debbie Clary informed Clark if they have a fundraiser, the foundation can keep a separate account for athletics.

Jimmy Stevens, a parent volunteer who is helping Coach Clark spoke on the excitement of the sports programs and the positive effects for students. He also spoke about his excitement of watching the school growth.

Headmaster Report

Mr. Robert Brown briefly mentioned the road widening and talked about the recycling bins as a project of the SGA. He also spoke about the CCC course offerings next year. This will get them half way through the degree program in partnership with CCC.

Action Item – Required to vote on choice of Auditors- Motion by Dr. Steve Grinton to continue using Darrell Keller CPA for audits the next year & Paula Cahill seconded – motion passed unanimously.

Headmaster spoke about Early Kindergarten Entrance Policy – Mimic of the State Board policy. Debbie Clary made motion to adopt Early Kindergarten Entrance Policy and motion was seconded by Pauline Cahill – motion passed unanimously.

Robert Brown addressed the budget – with current surplus and cash on hand, the budget is on target with a few minor adjustments that will be before the board in March.

Robert Brown stated that Pinnacle is getting close to being the largest elementary school in Cleveland County with the anticipated enrollment for 2018.

Question – Parents asked Chair Debbie Clary what are the plans are for the upstairs media center. Robert Brown stated that it is to be a higher tech media room. The center will be furnished with more reference books and periodicals with high tech computers and printers. Mr. Brown anticipates the room will be ready for coming school



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year with the fundraisers that are dedicated to media.

Mr. Brown also spoke regarding snapshot of enrollment included in the report and believes enrollment will be on high side of 900. The target enrollment is 880 students.

Parent Liaison Mike Jackson had question about long-range maintenance and wanted to know if there is a plan? Mr. Brown said yes that this is already accounted for in the budget.

Dean of Students Report Mrs. Bianca Muller - Mrs. Muller stated that percentage of EC students served is almost 7%. She stated that average daily attendance is 96.46 % with 99 days of school. She explained the upcoming testing events and noted the testing dates.

Reports from Committees (as necessary)

Finance- Operations & Personnel *Debbie Clary, chair – Nothing additional to report.*

Finance - Facilities *Jayson Philbeck, chair - Nothing to report*

Facility Wes Westmoreland, chair – Mr. Westmoreland remains concerned that things appear to be moving slowly with completion of the punch list by Beam Construction in the new facility.

Curriculum Pauline Cahill, chair - Nothing to report

Board Development, Nominating, Bylaws and Legal Affairs Committee *Steve Grinton, chair – Nothing to report*

Community Relations/Marketing/Grievance *Debbie Clary, chair – Nothing to report*

Enrollment Application/Lottery Betsy Harnage, chair – Mrs. Harnage was not present.

Safety and Security Committee Sara Tongel, Chair – Nothing to report

Parent Liaison Mike Jackson – Mr. Jackson reported that the Ball is Saturday and spring fling is March 15 and upcoming parade of tables will be in April. He stated that PEAK had a food drive that went beyond expectations.

PCAEF Report Betsy Harnage, Vice Chair – Debbie Clary asked everyone to please come Saturday. They have sold 125 tickets and would like to see 50 more sold.

Board Training Debbie Clary – Debbie Clary sent an email to the board to keep them apprised of state happenings concerning charter school policy. She also informed the board that on February 22 Mr. Brown will appear in Raleigh with the school finance committee.

Vice-Chair Wes Westmoreland stated that the Congressman is scheduled to visit February 23rd at 10:45 AM and will meet with SGA officers for a tour of PCA.

New Business - *Vice-Chair Wes Westmoreland asked for new business – Debbie Clary thanked Mr. Brown for his appearances on the local cable TV shows.*

Old Business - None

Adjournment - *Motion by Pauline Cahill to adjourn and Steve Grinton seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.*