



Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
2.14.2023
27 Balm Grove Avenue
Asheville, NC

Board Members: Gene Bell (Chair), Robby Russell (Treasurer), Susan Shanor (Secretary), Dwight Mullen (Director), Andy Barnett (Director), Kathey Avery (Director), Kerry Freidman (Director), Gordon Grant (Director), David Robinson (Director)

Present:

Gene Bell
Robby Russell
Susan Shanor
Kathey Avery
Gordon Grant
David Robinson
Kerry Freidman
Dwight Mullen

Absent

Andy Barnett

Additional Persons Present: Brenda Tipton, Camesha Minto, Malik Anderson

I. Opening and Quorum:

The regular meeting was called to order by Gene Bell at 12:03PM with eight of nine members present.

II. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda and Minutes

Kerry Freidman moved to approve the consent agenda, Susan Shanor seconds. All unanimously agree and motion carries to approve consent agenda. Gordon Grant moved to approve the following minutes: Board Meeting Minutes 1/10/23; Special Meeting Minutes 2/03/23; Closed Meeting minutes 2/03/23; Special Meeting Minutes 2/07/23; Closed Meeting Minutes 2/07/23. David Robinson seconded. All unanimously agree and the motion carries to approve the minutes

IV. Enrollment Report

Brenda Tipton reported on the number of students currently enrolled in the PEAK lottery and estimated the number of students next year based on 100% return and 75% of students in lottery choosing PEAK. Susan Shanor cautioned the Board that these numbers are speculative at this point. The lottery is open until 3/31/23. Lottery will run on 4/10/23, upon returning from spring break. Most charters in the area are also running their lotteries during this week.

V. Academic Progress Report

Camesha Minto reported on student academic progress based on a comparison between fall and winter testing results. This data will be used by teachers to refine and individualize curriculum to address areas that need improvement. Gordon Grant cautioned the Board that these results are based on a small sample so results can be skewed. Dwight Mullen questioned whether in the future test results should be reviewed in closed session to ensure confidentiality of individual results that could possibly be surmised from the aggregate.

VI. EC Report

Malik Anderson stated that DPI recently audited PEAK's EC records and determined that only one file was out of compliance. Malik reported that many of PEAK's EC students are exceeding growth. The goal of EC is to develop scholars to the point that their IEP can be lifted. Malik stated that additional resources are needed to supplement what the EC teachers provide. Examples are hands on materials and an online program Tutor by Teachers that can target intervention when the EC teacher is occupied with other students. Malik stated that he will talk with Robby Russell about funding for this online program.

VII. Financial Report (Robby Russell)

Robby Russell reported that the auditor visited PEAK for the 6/22 year-end audit and that it went well. The auditors are still looking at policies and procedures related to teacher certification, conflict of interest statements, payroll, insurance, etc. Robby has reconciled income with Acadia and is working on expenses. Robby anticipated presenting a financial report at the March meeting.

VIII. Fundraising (Susan Shanor)

Susan Shanor reported that \$350,000 has been raised in community donations this school year - \$100,000 above the Board target. Susan announced a \$11,000 donation for Grove Park Inn and an Ingles donation from their "Three for Three" contribution for every three point shot made by the UNCA basketball teams during the regular season.

VIII. Facility (Gene Bell)

Gene Bell volunteered to lead the effort to develop a schematic of how many students our current building can accommodate and in what grades. Gene expressed that we need a realistic target enrollment number and will not know this number until we define our space capabilities.

IX. Closed Session

Kerry Friedman made a motion to move into closed session to receive legal advice and discuss personnel matters, Kathey Avery seconds. All unanimously agree and the Board moves into closed session at 1:06 PM. The Board returned to open session per vote in open session.

XI. Additional Announcements

The Board agreed to reconvene at 10:30AM on February 13 to continue discussion of personnel matters. Susan Shanor said she would determine proper way to notice meeting.

XII. Adjournment

David Robinson makes a motion to adjourn, Robby Russell seconds. All unanimously agree and meeting adjourns at 2:37PM.