



Meeting Minutes

PEAK Boardroom
27 Balm Grove Ave
Asheville, NC 28806

11/14/23 5:30 PM

Present: Gene Bell, Crystal MacKinnon, Dwight Mullen, Andy Barnett, Kerry Friedman, Kathey Avery

Staff: Kidada Wynn

Guests: Dan Pizzo & Ben Phan

- 5:48PM: Meeting is commenced by Gene Bell
- 5:48PM: Andy Barnett moves to approve the consent agenda; Kathey Avery seconds; none oppose.
- 5:49PM: Gene Bell opens public comment; there is none.
- 5:49PM: Kerry Friedman moves to approve prior meeting's minutes; Crystal MacKinnon seconds; none oppose.
- 5:51PM: Gene Bell confirms that his previous loan can be converted to a donation.
- Kidada begins the School Leader's report while we wait to view the video.
 - Date for the fundraiser is now set for 12/3 at Highland Brewing at 5:30; capacity is 250; Shari Smith will be the keynote speaker. Gene informs the board of an offer for a matching donation; Crystal will follow up on logistics. Board members will send additional names for invites to Crystal.
 - Mountain Xpress article on PEAK came out featuring test scores, etc. AVL Watchdog is also preparing a piece on PEAK. Media coverage has generated increased interest for future enrollment.
 - We have a new cleaning crew and food vendor. Both are working out well. The new food vendor provides a hot breakfast and lunch, and food waste is down significantly.
- 6:00PM: Dan Pizzo & Ben Phan from Counterflow present PEAK's new video to be shown at the fundraiser.

- 6:19PM: Discussion of video and it can be best utilized at the fundraising event. Kidada will ask Marlin to create a QR code for Ben to insert in the video at the end. Gene suggests incorporating test scores into the video and email invitation. Dan will send the link to the video to the board.
- 6:42PM: Andy asks for details on the parking lot resurfacing conversation with Trinity. Andy asks where we are with expansion plans. Gene will call Rusty P. Gene and Dwight will continue to follow up with potential spaces that are either vacant or underutilized.
- 6:59PM: School Leader's Report resumes
 - Kidada reminds the board we are eight weeks from open enrollment. We need to identify space for expansion prior and have an interim strategy. Further discussion of potential new spaces or spaces in which to expand. SA withdrew their offer for use of their gym.
 - Kidada requests board support on this matter. Gene, Andy, and Dwight form a facilities committee. Gene and Andy will meet to map out a facilities plan.
 - DPI audit revealed the need for additional documentation and policies on the bus drivers. It is being handled expeditiously, but we are in need of temporary contract bus drivers in the interim. Could result in a three-week pause in bus service. Employee files and policies are being updated to resolve any issues identified.
 - EVAAS data will be released Thursday of this week.
- 7:45PM: Treasurer Nomination
 - Dave motions to remove Robby Russell from the bank account since he has resigned as treasurer; David seconds; none oppose.
 - Crystal nominates Dwight as interim treasurer; Dwight accepts the nomination. Kathey motions to appoint Dwight as interim treasurer; David seconds; none oppose.
- Closed Session: none
- 8:03PM: Gene motions to adjourn; Dave seconds; none oppose.