

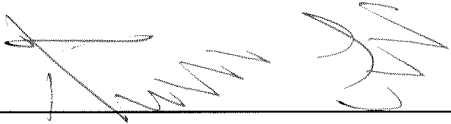
**Palmetto Charter School Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

<p>Call to Order and Welcome</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 3:31pm. In attendance were Mr. Ron Witt, Mr. David Fernandez, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mr. Evan Guido, Mr. Michael Ameres, and Mrs. Debra Woithe. Mrs. Kelli Douglas joined the meeting after she was voted in as a new Board Member.</p>
<p>Consideration of Kelli Douglas as a Board Member</p>	<p>Mrs. Douglas has an extensive background in education; specifically, in Exceptional Student Education. When Mrs. Britt resigned from the Board, we have felt filling it with someone with similar expertise was important. Mr. Bustle provided the Board with her bio. A motion was made by Mr. Ameres and Mr. Fernandez to accept her as a new Board member. All approved and welcomed her to the meeting.</p>
<p>Adoption of December 15, 2020 meeting minutes.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Mr. Fernandez to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Ameres seconded the motion. All approved.</p>
<p>Updates from Mr. Bustle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. PCS Sports Update: Our Golf Team won their championship. Our Boy's and Girl's Soccer Teams won the league championship in the fall. We flip flopped the fall and spring sports, we will be starting volleyball, flag football and cheerleading in the next few weeks. We are limiting spectators in the gym by possibly giving out tickets to the families of home and away teams. We will have social distancing signs in place and masks will be required indoors. B. Enrollment – we are currently at 363. We will fill the one spot before Survey 3 in February. C. UTC Christmas Card Contest – 7th Grade Winners. Mrs. Gerren worked with several of our 7th graders that made life size Christmas cards and won 1st place. They received a \$200 gift card. D. Personnel Update – Mrs. Horne passed her science exam, and Ms. Isham has received her temporary certification. Mrs. Gerren has had quite a few hurdles with her exams being rescheduled due to COVID but she is still pursuing. E. 2021 Open Houses/COVID - Mr. Bustle would like the Board's recommendation on how to best offer Open Houses this year. There was a general consensus to create something virtual that we could put together to offer to prospective families and then to offer private tours to those who receive spots.

<p>2020-2021 Budget Updates</p>	<p>The changes made were mostly to our income due to not knowing when certain monies were going to be coming in from the State. We now have that information and have adjusted for it. A motion was made by Mr. Fernandez to accept the amendments to the budget as submitted. Mr. Ameres seconded the motion. All approved.</p>
<p>Building Project</p>	<p>Mr. Bustle presented to the Board a new Building Plan. It shows that we could put the school in a better financial situation and reach even more families by moving forward with a new classroom building. This plan continues to maintain 50% growth. There is no rush on this, but Mr. Bustle wanted to present it so the Board could begin considering it as it would be about a 10-month project. If we wanted to open in 2022, we'd need to start the project in October of 2021. There was a general consensus that Mr. Bustle continue to pursue and collect information regarding expansion and will bring information to the next meeting.</p> <p>A motion was made to move forward with a 50% growth plan by Mrs. Woithe. Mr. Fernandez seconded the motion. All approved.</p>
<p>Retention Area on North Side of Cafeteria</p>	<p>All agree that as is, the retention pond is unsightly. We have received a bid to improve the look of it by digging it out and possibly adding a fountain.</p> <p>Mrs. Woithe volunteered to look into possibly finding alternatives to digging it out and possibly finding a grant to keep it ecologically sound by exploring landscaping involving wetland plants, etc. Including Environmental Education for science.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Ameres to move forward with pursuing the beautification of the pond not to exceed \$60,000. Mr. Fernandez seconded the motion. It was approved 6-1. Mrs. Woithe was not in favor of the motion. Mrs. Johnson wished to go on record that she feels there could be a more inexpensive route by coming up with a better drainage solution.</p>
<p>Volunteer Hour Review/Revise</p>	<p>Mr. Bustle would like to recommend the Board consider lowering the required volunteer hour requirement from 20 to 5 per family. Mr. Fernandez made a motion to revise the current parent volunteer requirement from 20 to 5 for this school year only. Hours can all be indirect. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. All approved.</p>

Hardship Enrollment Policy	Mr. Bustle updated the Board on those families that left due to COVID.
Additional Check Signer	Robert Montgomery is the seconded signer on our accounts. Mr. Guido made a motion to allow Mr. Ameres to become our second account signer. Mr. Fernandez seconded the motion. All approved.
Board Comments	No comments.
Public Comments	<p>Mrs. Susan Longpre had a concern about the pond being fenced and addressed the Board with her concern.</p> <p>There was a question about the fencing joining the building or not. That would be something in the plans to consider.</p> <p>Mr. Roby wanted to pass along that Mrs. Douglas is going to be a tremendous asset to our board.</p>
Adjourn	A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:02pm was made by Mr. Ameres. Mr. Fernandez seconded the motion. All approved.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED TO RECORDS OF PALMETTO CHARTER SCHOOL BY CHAIRPERSON, RON WITT.



RON WITT, CHAIRPERSON

DATE

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