

Palmetto Charter School Board of Directors Meeting

March 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Billy Eurice, Chairman, Robert Montgomery, Debra Woithe, Roxanne Britt, Ron Witt, and Michael Ameres.
Adoption of Minutes from December 17, 2017 meeting	There was a slight change to the minutes to reflect correct names of the officers that met with Mr. Bustle and Mrs. Schmidt regarding our safety plan. Mr. Ameres made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted with the change. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All in favor.
Beta Club Report	The Beta Club gave a presentation of some of the things that they participated in at the recent Beta Club Convention. Mr. Eurice challenged the kids to come up with some things that they think would make the program better. He also asked Ms. Evans to look into the cost for them to go to nationals.
Updates From Mr. Bustle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Enrollment – We are at capacity at 364 b) Testing – We had our FSA writing testing yesterday. Our kids gave a very good effort. c) Mrs. Hull - She passed her math test which makes all of our teachers certified. We still have one teacher working on their ESOL certification d) Transportation – Still trying to find someone who can possibly do double duties.
Updated Cash Statement	We are right under budget. Capital outlay related to HB7069 is still under is still under litigation. Mr. Witt motioned to approve the cash statement and Mr. Ameres seconded the motion. All approved.
Status of New Funding Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) HB 7069 – we will know later tonight or tomorrow a little more information as HB 7069 takes effect. b) March 20th Referendum - 1mil tax increase. If this passes, we could see a net \$240K a year for 4 years. The district has assured that charter schools are going to receive this if it passes. c) ½ Percent Sales Tax – Mr. Bustle met with Scott Hopes, the School Board Chairperson and he believes we should receive a share of these funds. There is a provision floating around that if we receive other capital funding that we would not receive any of these funds. It was asked when the vote will take place. As of now, it’s not on the agenda. We will need key charter school supporters there when it does take place. d) Giving Challenge - May 1 and 2. Mr. Bustle will put together a committee. More to come.
Building Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) PHASE 1 – Is complete! There is rye grass growing out there and the retention pond is done. We still hope to have the field ready for the fall. b) Proposed Road – Dana Site gave us back \$10,000 because we came in under budget. We are looking to do a road, sidewalk, swale, and asphalt all the way to the maintenance building. Mr. Bustle has already received approval from the

	<p>city and tentative from SWFMD. Mrs. Britt made a motion to approve the project with ZNS handling the engineering and Dana Site for the site work. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All approved.</p> <p>c) Architect – Our next step is to get bids for hiring an architect. Mrs. Woithe will look into what we need to do relating to the RFQ. It was discussed whether we design and build or go out for construction services. Mr. Bustle will continue to consult with people he knows to get understanding from professionals to do this right. We are still on track to open in the fall of 2020. Mrs. Woithe will help Mr. Bustle start the process over again to get bids.</p>
School Safety Plan	<p>a) School Safety Plan - Mrs. Schmidt worked very hard to get a safety plan together. We've worked closely with the Palmetto Police Department and Manatee County Sheriff's office. Our staff has had suicide recognition training. We have made some changes to our lockdown procedures and have practiced them with the students. PPD will start notifying us when there is an issue in the area. There was discussion on adding more cameras around the campus. We are committed to have ongoing training with our staff. Mr. Ameres commended the plan. Mr. Eurice discussed cameras and wants to expand them into the elementary hallway.</p> <p>b) School Resource Officer/Armed School Personnel – we are hopeful to have someone here full time next year. There was some discussion about arming school personnel. This will need to be revisited.</p>
Policy for Sibling Preferential Treatment	<p>Administration felt that a policy needed to be created to prevent families that have not upheld their parent contract from receiving preferential treatment regarding sibling enrollment. Mr. Ameres motioned to approve the policy as submitted. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion. All approve.</p>
Principal Evaluation	<p>Mr. Witt agreed to do Mr. Bustle's annual evaluation this year. He will seek guidance from Mrs. Council and Mrs. Woithe on how to get started.</p>
Board Comments	<p>Mr. Eurice brought up tutoring again. Mrs. Schmidt addressed this. 7th period is available in Middle School for math tutoring and on Friday afternoons PHS students come in. Most teachers have their doors open in the morning. We have private tutors that we provide space for. Our goal is to have a more specific homework room when we complete the new building. In our 6th-8th grades we have entire periods of Intensive Reading, Intensive Math, and Critical Thinking.</p>
Public Comments	<p>None.</p>
Adjourn	<p>Mr. Ameres motioned to adjourn. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm</p>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED TO RECORDS OF PALMETTO CHARTER SCHOOL BY CHAIRMAN, BILLY EURICE.

BILLY EURICE, CHAIRMAN

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