



Perspectives

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3:00 am – 6:00 pm | June 30, 2023

Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present:

Hall Adams (in Person)
Angela Brooks (viz Zoom)
Rick Fezell (via Zoom)
Michelle Handy (in Person)
Adrienne Irmer (in Person)
DeEtta Jones (via Zoom)
William Mack (via Zoom)
Kathleen Murray (in Person)
Sheree Speakman (via Zoom)
Deborah Stevens (in Person)
LaMarr Taylor (via Zoom)
Valencia Turner (in Person)
Kim Waller (via Zoom)
Andrew Ward (in Person)
Loren Weil (via Zoom)

Board Members Absent

Holly Copeland
Ikram Goldman
Razia Hutchins
Andrew Killion
George Wright

Guests

Demitri Handy (in Person)

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

The Conflict of Interest Policy was reviewed. Board Members were asked if there were any Conflicts of Interest, and none were cited.

June 30, 2023, Board Meeting was the first meeting since the pandemic waiver of the requirement for in person meetings was discontinued in May 2023. Since there was no in person quorum, we are pursuing three actions to ensure approvals are gained in compliance with all laws and regulations including: (1) a vote was taken at the meeting, (2) a written approval was received from 100% of Board Members, and (3) we will plan to ratify the votes taken and received in writing when we meet on November 2, 2023 (assuming we have an in person quorum).

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of May 1, 2023. The Minutes of the Meetings on May 1, 2023, were unanimously approved (7 In Person & 8 via Zoom at the June 30 Board Meeting and unanimously by 20 in writing after the meeting).

Deborah Stevens provided an opportunity for public comment. No members of the public were present either In Person or Via Zoom.



The Governance Committee presented the following:

- New Chair of Education Committee
- New Board Member - George Wright
- Annual meeting date on November 3, 2023 (instead of in October, as required in our Bylaws)
- New PCS Project Support Corp NFP Board Member – Jeff Brown

All the above were unanimously approved by those attending the June Board Meeting in Person (7 in Person) and via Zoom (8 via Zoom), and 20 in writing after the meeting.

Discussion followed about the need for additional, new Chicago based Board Members since many of our Board Members relocated during the pandemic to other states/countries and we have several members who are present in Chicago for only six months a year.

The need for Board Trainings, as required by Illinois State Law, as well as sources of training were presented and discussed. Hall Adams emphasized the importance of completing the required training each year.

Tynesha Parker, Director of College & Career, presented the result for School Year 2023 including that 99% of currently enrolled 12th graders graduated and 100% were accepted to college.

The REDI/Education Committee reviewed the performance versus Education Goals for School Year 2022/23. Discussion followed about P/SAT scores, Attendance and Teacher Retention. Performance on the 5 Essentials was also discussed. Strategies for increasing P/SAT scores, Attendance and the 5 Essentials were also discussed at length, including doubling down on our MTSS Plan.

Our investments in new Curriculum were presented. During SY2324, we will implement new curriculum for Math, Spanish, Science, and Math and ELA intervention: Read 180 and Math 180.

The safety of our students and staff is of utmost concern for the Board. There was a lengthy discussion about safety and our plans for upgrades to training and physical infrastructure.

Our expanding relationship with Illinois Tech was presented including dual enrollment, summer programming, and DevUp Scholars. Future engagements were also discussed.

Teacher retention increased to 77%. PCS is expanding the Education Fund (tuition reimbursement program) by partnering with National Louis to increase the number of licensed teachers.



External Affairs presented year end results and strategies for next year.

Student Enrollment goals for FY24 were presented and discussed.

The Finance Committee presented FY23 March YTD dashboard, Forecast versus Budget, and the FY24 Budget. Key investments for FY24 included: Multi-Tiered System of Supports in Academics, Social Emotional Learning, and Special Education, our People, and in Growth.

Three scenarios were considered: CPS Guaranteed per pupil funding at 1806 students, expected goal of 1880 and Stretch goal of 2000. The FY24 Budget was unanimously approved (7 in Person & 8 via Zoom, 100%, or 20 via written approval after the meeting).