PACE Academy Board Meeting

10/20/2022

6:30 pm

- Call to Order/Welcome (Stephen Wilson) @1833
- Board Member Attendance Roll Call (Jessica Becerra)
    - In attendance: Stephen James, Beckye Barnes, Jonathan Pace, Katrina Mack-Snider, Nichole Arnott, Sally Thornton, Sara Arnett, John Thompson
        - Melissa Rabon
        - Melanie Vaughn
    - Not attending:
- Previous Board Meeting Minutes (9/15/2022)
  Motion*: Approve Previous Board Meeting Minutes*
    - *Motion: Jonathan Pace*
    - *Second: Sara Jane Arnett*
    - *Objections: None*
- Public Comment
    - Rules for Public Comment during Board Meetings
    - Each speaker has up to 3 minutes to speak;
    - Speakers may not address an individual board member directly; Speakers may not ask questions of the Board;
    - Personnel issues should not be addressed in Public Forum; Board members / School Staff may not engage speakers in discussion;
    - Disruptive/abusive language or behavior is not permitted.
- Executive Director Report (Melissa Rabon)
    - Enrollment Update: Current at 231 students
        - Over enrollment in 6th grade
        - Only short in grades 2 and 8
    - Finance Update:
        - Report was sent on 10/19/2022 to Melissa
        - Forwarding the report to board
        - Showing overage of $423,949 with a 12% surplus
        - No errors in audit
    - Year 1 Audit Review:
        - Audit was sent to the Board
        - 12% surplus
        - Monthly dashboard was shared

    - Veris report was shared
    - No IDEA money until January
- State Report Card Data Comparison
    - Released recently and Melissa met today with the district for data
    - Pulled by race, age, disability and not disability and SC Ready
    - Will place students in those categories to compare
    - Elementary
        - Unsatisfactory- expected with 70% of kids with disability
        - Need more focus with Math- new math curriculum- working to improve
        - 13% of kids met expectation
        - 40% of kids were approaching expectation
        - Celebrating that all kids were tested and kids were able to write that had previously never written
        - Melissa will place into a number chart to see reports
    - Middle
        - Scored in the average range when compared with the state
        - There were more needs in middle school that came from self-contained into General Education classrooms
        - 70% of population was special needs
        - Less than 20% of kids that did not meet standards
        - Math is the struggle and working with a new curriculum
- High School Application
    - Meeting with District office with a packet
    - Met with Parent
    - Met with Staff
    - Keith Bailey in Bishopville and expanded 1 grade level at the time
    - Facilities is the biggest hurdle
        - Several options
            - Moving playground
            - Expanding out back over the dock
            - Moving front of the building out
            - Will have to meet with Bond holders to look at financing
            - Long range plans are what is necessary now
            - Plan to partner with SC virtual Academy
            - Would like to have ASL as foreign language-but having difficulty gaining understanding credentials of what is required.
            - Beckye asked about other options to having high school students in a different location and not mixing with younger students- Melissa reported results of the survey that only 1 parent had

concerns regarding high school and elementary schools mixing- Beckye-would have to have camera's and security
    - January we would have to submit charter change to be approval for the 9th grade year.
    - Stephen votes to move to executive session at 7:06 for open discussion
    - Motion Sally second Sara Jane
- Executive Session *(7:06 pm)*
- *Return from Executive Session (7:54) motion- Sara Jane, Second Stephen James*
- *Motion by Stephen James for Melissa can continue to Explore High school with enough notice for Board members to support Melissa in meeting to continue. Second by Beckye Barns*
- *Stephen requested to hear from Melanie Vaughn regarding her thoughts on moving forward.*
    - *Melanie is a whatever it takes person and whatever the board feels appropriate*
    - *Melanie would like this to be thought out and do it with fidelity and all children in mind. And would like to be able to offer CATE and Technology Career Ready school.*
    - *Melanie would like all visions to come together to create a solid plan or vision.*
    - *Stephens motion still stands. Sally and Sara Jane Seconded the motion*
    - *Motion carried with approval*
- *Vote for Melissa to write a letter to remove kindergarten and first grade to be signed by Stephen James- Motion to grant Melissa – Beckye motioned Sally Seconded- Motion carries with full board approval*
- *Nichole- makes a comment that we need to get more notice of meetings to help grow PACE.*
- *Melissa provided upcoming dates for events; National Charter School alliance is the first week of November and Melissa offered for Board Members to go. AJa Wilson foundation Gala on November 12th for members to attend.*
- Next meeting scheduled for November 17th 6:30 PM. Location at PACE Academy
- Close Meeting
  Motion*: Adjourn Meeting Stephen James Second Jonathan Pace*
- *Meeting adjourned 8:20pm*