



The Mission of MYcroSchool is to provide a premiere high school drop-out recovery program engaging students through relationship-focused, high-tech, and rigorous learning experiences resulting in

Real Learning for Real Life®

PINELLAS MYcroSchool OF INTEGRATED ACADEMICS AND TECHNOLOGIES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, August 28, 2018 * 6:00 PM EST

840 3rd Avenue South * St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Members Present: Traci Steen, Susan Reiter, Jody Lane, Connie Going

Via Phone: Nicole Hall, Chad Jones

Guests: Steven Humphries, Dr. Linda Dawson, Dr. Mary Chambers, Danita Smith, Denise Castro, Candace Kerns, Faune Walker, Tom Renner (via phone), Joy Baldree (via phone); Debra Anderson (via phone)

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER (Establish Quorum)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:50 pm. Due to the storm and a late arriving board member, a quorum was not established yet. Traci Steen welcomed board members and guests and moved to non-action items on the agenda until the board member arrived.

AGENDA ITEM #7 REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. State of the School Report

Highlights include:

- Mr. Humphries shares that the school doubled the graduation rate to 28%, an increase from 14% in 2016-17.
- The staff and students have already begun the "Race to the Top" cohort tracking program. There are currently 72 students in the 2015-16 (this year's) cohort.
- Mr. Humphries met with Dr. Lewis Brinson, PCS Minority Achievement Officer, on August 16th. Dr. Brinson congratulated Mr. Humphries on successfully increasing the graduate rate, which helped to boost the district's overall grad rate for 2017-18.
- Mr. Grzesikowski has joined the faculty as new Social Studies instructor. He is a graduate of St. Petersburg College.



Board Member Susan Reiter arrived at 6:39 p.m. and a quorum was recognized. The Board continued with the Reports to the Board.

B. DIL Data Update

- Mrs. Smith shared Data Party baseline student measurements through August 28th. Data reveals many are testing at 6th grade reading and math baselines.
- Even as an open enrollment school, it is our goal to ensure that 75% or more of MYcroSchool students are STAR tested.
- Mrs. Smith was very encouraged that the faculty was requesting student testing data the second week of school so they could immediately implement interventions for improved student learning.

C. NEWCorp Florida Update

Dr. Mary Chamber reported on the Constitutional Revision Committee (CRC) Amendment 8. She also shared with the Board:

- 2019 Legislative Session: March 5th – April 23rd.
- Florida School District Draft Proposed Legislative Priorities:
 - School Safety: Staffing safety and security personal/Facilities hardening;
 - Mental Health: Counselors;
 - School Choice: Greater charter school oversight;
 - Assessment and Accountability: Additional assessment measures such as portfolios, local assessments, student coursework; and
 - Personnel: Local evaluations with elimination of VAM scores

D. Superintendent/CEO Report

Dr. Linda Dawson reported changes to employee health benefits. Changes were made to ensure that plans are more equitable for staff with families.

- Dr. Dawson will be working with the Pinellas MYcroSchool Board to help develop their 2018-19 Strategic Goals.
- Fall Leadership and Alternative Accountability Policy Forum takes place November 14-16, 2018. School leadership and Board members are encouraged to attend.

With a quorum present, agenda order was reestablished with Action Items as follows:

AGENDA ITEM #2 CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approved Regular meeting Agenda for August 28, 2018**

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B. Approved Regular meeting Minutes from June 5, 2018
On a motion from Susan Reiter and a second by Connie Going, the Board unanimously approved the meeting agenda of August 28, 2018 and the meeting minutes from June 5, 2018.

AGENDA ITEM #3 PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

4. BOARD WORKSHOP: 2018-19 Goals - L. Dawson
(See Workshop Notes attached to these minutes.)

AGENDA ITEM #5 BUSINESS/FINANCE

A. Received Financial Statement through June 30, 2018
The Board welcomed new Director of Finance, Ms. Candance Kerns. Dr. Dawson thanked Ms. Kerns and Mr. Tom Renner for their extra efforts, teamwork and professionalism during the restructuring of Florida schools finance department.

Ms. Kerns reviewed financials through June 30th. She stressed the need for a healthy fund balance as the school begins charter renewal. The Board should expect a budget amendment at the next meeting.

B. Discussed Current security contact and financial impact. Mrs. Steen explained the Pinellas County Schools/Pinellas County Sheriff's Office School Guardian Program requirements and cost of same. The school is currently staffed with a retired Pinellas County Sheriff's deputy (Deputy Swanson) at a significantly higher cost than a School Guardian. Mr. Humphries is interviewing candidates for the guardian program. The successful candidate will be pre-qualified by the Sheriff's Office. The next mandatory School Guardian training class sponsored by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office begins in October. The school hopes to reduce the security cost once a School Guardian is in place in November.

Discussion was tabled until the October meeting when more information would be available.

C. Budget Amendment – *tabled until the October meeting when more information would be available.*

AGENDA ITEM #8 BOARD BUSINESS

A. Approved Out of Field Teachers
On a motion by Jody Lane and a second Susan Reiter, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Grzesikowski as Out-of-Field for Health Occupation Physical Education (HOPE).

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- B. **Discussed:** Proposed change in purchasing policy for computer equipment. Mrs. Steen shares that Ms. Baldree is in discussions with Dell for the leasing of computers. This is more cost effective for the school.

Approved: Board Chair Designation of Chief of Schools – NEWCorp, signing authority for lease of computer equipment.

On a motion from Susan Reiter and a second by Connie Going, the Board unanimously approved. the Chief of Schools - NEWCorp. signing authority for leasing of computer equipment for Pinellas MYcroSchool.

- C. **Discussed** Susan Reiter lead a discuss of the school’s participation at YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast and the sponsorship of a table on Tuesday, October 30, 2018.
- Ms. Reiter will sponsor a table of 10 for the school. Dr. Dawson will donate one of the 10 tickets. Board members, school staff and potentially two students or graduates will invited to attend.

- D. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting:
- Standard Reports
 - Budget Amendment - *for approval*
 - Security Contract - *for discussion*
 - Board Self-evaluation - *for discussion*
 - Board Goals - *for discussion and approval*

AGENDA ITEM #8 REMARKS FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None.

AGENDA ITEM #9 ADJOURNMENT

On a motion from Susan Reiter and a second by Jody Lane, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:15 pm.

Minutes Recorder: Faune Walker, Administrative Coordinator



SUSAN REITER, BOARD SECRETARY

10.30.2018
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