



To: PCCS Parents and Community Constituents

From: Myron Dagley, School Director

Re: Board Briefs

Date: 1-27-10

The January, 2010 meeting of the PCCS Board of Directors was held on January 26, 2010 in the Conference Area of the Anna B. Comstock Building, 1531 Jones Point Road, Grayslake, Illinois 60030. The meeting was convened at 7:05 P.M. by President, Geoff Deigan. The following board members answered roll call indicating their presence to constitute a quorum: Geoff Deigan, President; Dr. Barbara Provost, Vice President; Steve Achtemeier, Treasurer; Tom Keenan; Dean Thorson; John Wylie; Dr. Eric Hebert; and Elizabeth Stearns. Also present were Terry Di Angelo, Board Recorder; Teacher Liaisons, Christine Jeffrey, Shirley Berger, and Edward Caplan; Principal, Brian Greene; Business Manager, Stacy Gavin; Director of Development, Sarah Kirch; PSO President, Jennifer Ropke; LLC Representative, John Rizzo; and School Director, Myron Dagley.

Board Member, John Wylie led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President, Geoff Deigan, on behalf of the Board, then paid tribute to parents, administrators and staff who volunteered countless hours in conducting the Calling all Communities Campaign. He acknowledged that regardless of whether we win the money, many good outcomes resulted from this effort which united all in a common cause. He invited further comment from the Director Development, Sarah Kirch. Sarah confirmed that in her perspective the unity of persons in a common cause for the good of the school community has brought about much positive press for the school, its students and staff. Further, new partnerships have been formed which will benefit the school in the long range.

School Director, Myron Dagley then respectfully requested that the School Director's Report be removed from the evening's agenda and discussion providing time for the administration to research and respond to apparent misperceptions created by report content which had been brought to this attention too late in the afternoon to afford opportunity for appropriate response. The Board then moved to approve the agenda as stated with the Director's Report Tabled until the next meeting.

President Deigan then offered a report on the status of the search for a new executive director. He stated that twenty some applications have been received as a result of the postings on various web sites. A committee of past presidents and he have reviewed all candidate credentials, and the Board of Directors would be discussing in Closed Session the selection of the top candidates to invite for interviews in the near future. The interviews would be conducted by the Human Resource Committee as per its duties cited in the Bylaws. Finalists would be discussed by the whole Board in Closed Session. It is hoped that new Executive Director would be engaged by late March or April as the new budget is being further developed.

*Prairie Crossing Charter School is a public school that transforms our children through academic discovery and interaction with our unique natural, ecological, and community resources.*

The Board then received Public Comment. Mrs. Vickie Ranney spoke of her interest in the Executive Director Search Process. She expressed her hope that the Board would move cautiously and wisely in the selection of the new Executive Director. She emphasized the importance of the educational mission of the school as a focus of the search. No other comment was offered.

The Board then continued to address the remaining items on the Discussion Agenda which included:

- A review of legal bills totaling \$540.
- A second reading of proposed amendments to Policy # 400.3 Leaves of Absence
- A second reading on proposed amendments to the Bylaws, Article VI, Committees
- A first reading of a new policy # 600.8.10 on Usage of the Internet by Students and Staff
- A first reading of amendments to Policy #200.14, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

After completing the discussion of items on the Discussion Agenda, the Board then moved to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues including the employment of a teacher on an interim basis and the Executive Director Candidates. The Closed Session was lengthy and the Board returned to Open Session at approximately 9:35 P.M.

The board then discussed the remaining items on the Consent Agenda and received the following reports:

- Financial Statements for December, 2009
- The Treasurer's Report
- No report from the Human Resource Committee was given
- The report of the Governance Committee
- The report of the Communications, Public Relations and Fundraising Committee
- No report from the EAPAC was given since the committee did not meet until January 25, 2010.
- The President's Report
- The PSO Report

Board members were offered the opportunity to ask questions about the reports, but no discussion was held unless a question was asked. School Director, Dagle, reported that the third quarter ISBE check had been received by the School on Monday, January 25, 2010.

The board then reviewed the Open Session minutes of the December 16, 2010 meeting. A motion to approve same without corrections was adopted.

The board then adopted a resolution accepting all the reports on the Consent Agenda other than the School Director's report which had been previously tabled.

President, Geoff Deigan, then called for additional Public Comment. There being no comment offered, the Board then adopted the following resolutions:

- A resolution authorizing the payment of legal bills in the amount of \$540.00
- A resolution adopting amended Policy #400.3-Leaves of Absence
- A resolution adopting amendments to Article VI, Committees in the Bylaws Document effective January 26, 2010.
- A resolution to approve the interim teacher contract for Mr. Ed Caplan through June 4, 2010 as discussed in Closed Session.

The board then briefly discussed items for inclusion on future agendas. Topics to be included were:

- Reactivation of the Advisory Board
- Strategic Planning and Committee Structures
- Parents and Partner Follow-up

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P.M. Persons with questions about these Briefs, the operation of the school, or other school related matters are encouraged to address same to either President, Geoff Deigan at 312 401 4372 or School Director, Myron Dagley at 847 543-9722 or 847 553 7095.

The excellence of PCCS is attributed to many factors of which one is our partnership with parents and other community constituents. We thank you all for your continued support of and involvement in this School.