

PONTIAC ACADEMY for EXCELLENCE
School Board Meeting
196 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Pontiac, MI. 48342
January 16, 2018
5:00 p.m.

Call to Order – B. Anderson called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call – M. Richardson

Present: B. Anderson, P. Carroll, P. Karsten, M. Richardson and G. Graham

Absent: T. Layman, A. Patrick, L. Trafton and S. Spears-Boothe

We have a quorum

Approval of Minutes for the December 19, 2017– School Board Meeting

18-01982 - B. Anderson recommended a motion to approve the board minutes as submitted. P. Karsten motioned to approve.
G. Graham seconded Ayes 5 Nays 0 Approved

(A) Non-Action Items

- Correspondence and Communication
- Pledge of Allegiance

1) Superintendent/CAO Report

Dr. Daniel reported on the following:

- Board Powerpoint Presentation
- Board received the book “Failure is not an Option”
- People are invested in this community
- Success for our students
- Budget
- Curriculum Assessment
- NWEA
- Open House
- Underserved Demographics
- Security
- Athletics
- Culture and Climate
- Transportation
- Community Partners/United Way
- Calendar
- Bathrooms/Minor issues pending
- **Points of Pride:** Ms. Williams, GPS Team, Dr. Jones, Mrs. Woods-Helms, Ms. Tomaszewski and Ms. Bermudez

Discussion Followed

2) Middle & High School Principal Report

Mrs. Woods-Helms reported on the following:

- Climate & Culture
- Baby Eagles
- Clinic
- Strive for a safer drive

- Red & White Ball
- Presentative given by Ms. Powell
- Field Trip
- College Tour
- Super Science Friday
- Exploration Stimulant for girls in 8th grade/STEM Event
- U of M Flint
- M-Step Prep Day
- Applying for Grants
- Partnering with Cranbrook
- Earth Science
- Henry Ford Museum
- PBIS Trips
- Ann Arbor Museum Field Trip
- 8th Grade end of school year trip

Discussion Followed

3) Elementary School Principal Report
Dr. Jones reported on the following:

- Black History Lesson Plans
- Parent Coffees
- Yearbooks
- Weekly Newsletter
- Assemblies
- Field Trips
- Student Council
- OLHSA Pre-K Recruiting
- Afterschool Program
- She is a professional singer
- We should expand our music program
- Parents are interested in music program
- Buddy program

Discussion Followed

4) Special Services Report
Ms. Chapman reported on the following:

- 104 Students
- Working closely with MTSS & GPS
- Training at OSD
- Evaluating students at the ES level
- Meeting with new group of SPED Directors at OSD
- Working on graduate rate
- Compliance (addressed and closed)

Discussion Followed

5) Parent Involvement Report
Ms. Bermudez reported on the following:

- Christmas Dance
- PAC Bylaws
- Christmas presents
- UAW Gifts to MS/HS students
- Toys for Tots
- Parent Coffee

- Special Needs Students
- Athletics
- Homeless Families
- Health Center
- Black History Month presents (Professional dancers and storytellers)

Discussion Followed

New Business

- Dr. Byerly's Afterschool Program presentation (has had several successful programs; google him, has passion for art and has four degrees in art).
- School Board does not want to vote on Afterschool Program until further review.

Public Comment

- None

Board Member Comments

- **Anderson:** Wanted to share the new afterschool program with the board.
- **Anderson:** We are planning to build the Afterschool program into the 2018 school program.
- **Anderson:** The Afterschool program is critical and is a value added program. No one else has it currently and our enrollment will suffer if we don't do something.
- **Anderson:** We only want to serve PAE students in the health center.
- **Anderson:** Do we alternate parent coffees from AM to PM?
- **Carroll:** Agree with Graham and Richardson that we should revisit the Afterschool program.
- **Carroll:** It seems like there is a lack of participation from the City of Pontiac.
- **Carroll:** What services does the health center provide?
- **Carroll:** Is the health center a concept or entity that is going to all of the neighboring schools?
- **Carroll:** We need to summarize the Afterschool program.
- **Carroll:** We have had successful plays in the past.
- **Carroll:** Is the Afterschool program based on Mr. Byerly's past school programs; we need to know his success plan.
- **Carroll:** We have fumbled the ball a lot with OLHSA.
- **Carroll:** What is the federal definition of homeless?
- **Graham:** Does criminal history apply to volunteers?
- **Graham:** What are the accumulative numbers for enrollment?
- **Graham:** I thought we were not using the fund balance.
- **Graham:** Need to make sure the Afterschool program is right for us; I'm not prepared to vote tonight.
- **Graham:** We did not receive all the information in advance concerning the Afterschool program; received most of the information today.
- **Graham:** What are our projections for the Afterschool program and what happens if they are not reached?
- **Karsten:** The Afterschool program is a great program if we can get students to commit; it's an investment to grow our school.
- **Karsten:** \$55,000 will come from the fund balance for the Afterschool program.
- **Richardson:** Are we not paying for field trips?
- **Richardson:** Do we have scholarships for field trips?
- **Richardson:** Is there a cost for the health care services at PAE?
- **Richardson:** Have some concerns about the Afterschool program so I will need to pull my paperwork together at home for PAE's previous programs.
- **Richardson:** I'm not questioning the credibility of the Afterschool Director just don't want to rush into it.
- **Richardson:** Has this Afterschool program been a success somewhere else?
- **Richardson:** Are we having an orientation in the 2nd semester?
- **Richardson:** We lack communication with our parents; we need to listen more.
- **Richardson:** Is OLHSA bringing their students here?

GPS Presentation/Dr. Swiecki

- Instruction Learning Cycle (ILC)
- Evaluations
- Reviewing our program to finish the year strong
- Survey Tiers
- Data Driven Decision Making

(B) Action Items

18-01983 – B. Anderson recommended a motion to approve Financial Reports. P. Karsten motioned.
P. Carroll seconded Ayes 5 Nays 0 Approved

18-01984– B. Anderson recommended receipt and acceptance of new hires report from CSSM. M. Richardson motioned.
G. Graham seconded Ayes 5 Nays 0 Approved

Adjournment

18-01985 – B. Anderson recommended a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. M. Richardson motioned.
P. Karsten seconded Ayes 5 Nays 0 Approved

Ayes 5
Nays 0
Approved

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Mary Richardson, Secretary



Date