



Pedro Albizu Campos Puerto Rican High School
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of 7-9-2020
Conducted via Zoom

Welcome: Meeting call to order: Chair Rivera

Roll Call: Present: *Board Members:* Evelyn Rivera-Swint, Angela Acevedo, Jaime Moctezuma, Michael Staudenmaier, Milagros Fernandez. Quorum Achieved.

PACHS Staff Present: Melissa Lewis, Marvin Garcia, and Lizzette Richardson

Approval Agenda: Jaime M. motioned to approve the 07-09-2020 PACHS Board Meeting Agenda. Milagros Fernandez seconded. Unanimous agreement.

Approval Minutes: Michael S. motioned to approve the Minutes. Angela Acevedo seconded. Unanimous agreement.

Public Participation: No Speakers.

Principals Report:

Graduation: There were 92 graduating students out of a total of 116. The Graduation event was over 8 hours of celebration stretching from 11a-7pm. 90 families were in attendance and observed social distancing. To maintain student participation, PACHS staff reach out started March 17 and went to June which successfully maintained an 80% average graduate retention.

Two very excited star-students were selected to begin the Summer Program at NEIU.

About 50% of students submitted a resume to go into the workforce and 50% decided to apply to college.

The YES program is still active, mentors are also still available. This is focused towards more individualized graduate needs.

Two ASM summer programs available to our students. One is an at-home gardening program and the other is an At-home Cooking program. Both taught virtually.

Concerning PACHS staff: A Math teacher and a Youth Care Provider will not be returning next year. All other staff members are retained.

End of the School Year: At the end of the year the school was at 94% SAP protection.

Throughout the school year the Emergency Funds (\$5,000) raised by PACHS/PRCC and the funds raised by the ASN student-based network (\$40,000) were extremely helpful to directly-assist students in their needs.

School Rating is Level 1 and per-pupil funding is remaining the same due to Covid19.

Future Plans: The Recruitment Goal is to begin the next school year with 175 students.

Chair Rivera would like to do a Zoom meeting with various workforce ambassadors in the future. This would invite professionals to speak to students and the community that explains various trades.

Fiscal Report:

1. Concerns of the possible deficit are resolved. School bills are fully paid and current. We are still owed a minimum of \$125,000 from ASN. Overall the Fiscal year ended very well.
2. The application for the Paycheck Protection Grant (Cares Act) was accepted and granted PACHS a figure between \$250,000 and \$280,000. Of that amount \$140,000 has been spent. We have until the beginning of November or December to spend the remaining funds. If possible, we should be able to convert the remaining numbers into a grant. This possibility isn't completely assured but Michael is optimistic.
3. The new budget for the New Fiscal Year (beginning July 1st) is being worked on. We do not have the total figures from all ASN programs but we do have the figures from YCCS. Note: There is a discrepancy with the numbers had between Michael Staudenmaier and Principal Lewis although all figures are understood to be subject to change due to COVID19 and the presenting of the State Budget.
4. PACHS accounts are slowly moving from Chase to Wintrust. By the end of this transition Wintrust will be in charge of Payroll and the Operating Budget. Two things remaining at Chase is the Capital Reserve account (for the Haddon Building build-out) and the Chase Credit Card account, which provides an emergency line of credit in the amount limit of \$30,000
5. In September there should be a Comprehensive Budget for the school and a Review of the Procurement Policy concerning high-dollar expenditures of the Haddon Building build-out.

Executive Director Report:

Emergency Funding: By the end of June, the school should have ~\$500,000 in the bank account that will hold the school until January. Marvin thanked the board for assisting with the emergency fund and spoke about the other donations and the impact on the families and students.

Covid19: If the school opens in the Fall, precautions must be taken to ensure the safety of students and staff. The guidelines concerning on-site school and the virus are quite vague from CPS and a pushing for autonomy in the decisions concerning social distancing are constant.

Ultimately, this decision sits with the Governor and work is being done to raise these issues of safety to Pritzker

Police Brutality: In the coming year there needs to be discussions surrounding the current climate of Police and Police Brutality against those of African ethnic heritage. In response to this climate, NEIU has created a George Floyd Scholarship which Marvin would like to present to one of the two students from PACHS who went on to attend NEIU. There are also discussions happening around Defunding the Police.

Career Development: PACHS has received the YouthBUILD grant in the amount of \$100,000 which will allow the students to go into the trades and work on-site in the community. Because of the PRCC/PRA there will be housing initiatives in which there may be possibilities for PACHS YouthBUILD students to be able to work. When PACHS students there will be opportunities for IT/Health careers linked with the City Colleges of Chicago. There is also massive support for PACHS students attending NEIU including help with debt. The planning grant with Youth BUILD and Revolution Workshop are also moving forward.

School Phones: PACHS has a new reliable phone system for inter-building communication and security.

PPP: The Paycheck Protection Program has awarded PACHS with an amount around \$240,000. Chase Bank did not offer their support but instead help was received from Wintrust, through a contact of Angela Acevedo.

Thanking PACHS staff: In order to express the gratitude and appreciation for the PACHS Staff , a photographer was sent out to take pictures of the hard work that the staff perform as well as a photographer and someone to play music for the graduates on Division street during the PACHS graduation.

Annual Report: The Annual Report has been posted to the website but has not been sent out to other groups. This has been made possible due to the Web Master work of Carlos Munoz. Board certifications have been completed and Milagros Fernandez has completed the FOYA.

Definite Dozen Report: Nothing to Report.

Future Meeting(s): TBA and under discussion.

Motion to Close: Michael Staudenmaier motions to close, Jaime seconded.
Unanimous agreement.