



**Pedro Albizu Campos Puerto Rican High School
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of 10-22-2020
Conducted via Zoom**

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:

Mike moved to approve the Agenda, Jaime seconded. Unanimous agreement

Approval Minutes:

Jaime moved to approve the Minutes. Mike seconded. Unanimous agreement.

Public Participation:

No speakers.

Principals Report:

This year PACHS enrolled 170 students out of a goal of 203. Attendance throughout the year has been good considering the events of the year. Students are trusted to self attest for their attendance. They answer a check-in question using a Google Form. As of this meeting PACHS is holding at 80% attendance.

The schedule is set up with 2.5 hrs of live instruction everyday and 2.5 hours of independent work that can be completed any time during that week. Engagement is verified through the students attending google meets and turning in assigned work. Because of this, school-wide engagement holds at 75%.

This current situation with remote learning has allowed certain students who would not normally show up to school flourish and learn with enthusiasm.

All of the teachers are teamed with another to assist in engagement. So far, this has been a successful experiment. Much of the schoolwork assigned to students are project-based assignments.

Principal Lewis said that there could be more done to support the parents of the PACHS students.

The PACHS administration team will be doing outreach for parents over the next few weeks.

Utilizing the resources from ASN, parents can be connected via the admin team to these resources.

Principal Lewis also said that the COVID pandemic has assisted the school in compiling data on the students through interactions with them which can drive decisions in the future.

In CPS, a school may apply for the attainment of a badge related to socio-emotional learning which says that a school is a "safe and supportive school".

Through YCCS Principal Lewis and PACHS was awarded that badge.

A school-site visit was necessary for the badge and it went exceedingly well.

The Youth Development team has been very successful. A new mentor has been added to the mentorship team staff which now totals 5 mentors and 2 teams.

This group oversees the Care team (BUILD, NEIU interns, PRCC).

Dual-Enrollment has been steady and Principal Lewis aims to build on this momentum by carrying it through City Colleges of Chicago and then another cohort at NEIU.

Fiscal Report:

Jaime motioned to approve the budget. Delarosa seconded to approve the budget. Unanimous decision. Director Staudenmaier endorsed the budget.

The budget is concrete and looks very good considering the current financial climate.

There is availability for increases in pay to veteran staff. We have received PPP funding from the CARES Act and are in the process of reporting its use.

There is a waiting period to see if the funding will become grant funding as opposed to a loan.

There is one outstanding loan which was used to build the greenhouse.

Anywhere from the end of this year to the first quarter of next year, the loan should be paid.

Executive Director Report:

Executive Director Garcia will give further information to any Board Director who so wants.

Election of new Board Secretary:

Director Monctezuma volunteered to be the new Board Secretary. Director Staundemeir motioned to approve. Director Delarosa seconded.

Notes**Yates School-Angela Acevedo**

On October 31st Yates is giving away fresh produce. They are getting around 272 boxes.

They can give about 100 boxes to PACHS families.

Angela will connect the proper people to PACHS.

November 6th . Flu shot and Covid testing.

Angela informed the group that Yates Elementary has a workshop for which she would send the information to Melissa for PACHS families.

Director Staudenmaier was recently elected as the treasurer of the Puerto Rican studies association.

Future Meeting(s):

Thursday January 14 2021

Thursday March 11 2021

First Thursday after the High School Graduation in June

Motion to Close:

Director Staudenmeir moved to close. Director Delarosa seconded. Unanimous agreement.