

APPROVED



Parker Performing Arts School

Minutes

Parker Performing Arts BOD Monthly Business Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday April 2, 2024 at 5:45 PM

Location

Parker Performing Arts School
15035 Cmpark Blvd
Parker, CO 80134

Room 140 unless stated otherwise on the meeting agenda

Directors Present

C. Walker (E, #1), E. Remington (A, #2), J. Adamson (A, #3), K. McDonald (E, #4), R. Sanchez (A, #8), S. Cooke (E, #6), V. Olivas Smith (E, #7)

Directors Absent

None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

V. Olivas Smith (E, #7)

Ex Officio Members Present

P. Molfino

Non Voting Members Present

P. Molfino

Guests Present

Gordon Mosher, T. Maestas

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Sanchez (A, #8) called a meeting of the board of directors of Parker Performing Arts School to order on Tuesday Apr 2, 2024 at 5:48 PM.

B. Record Attendance & Introduce/Recognize Visitors

C. Reading of Vision and Mission

Read into record by Director K McDonald

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Adoption of Agenda

R. Sanchez (A, #8) made a motion to adopt agenda as written.

K. McDonald (E, #4) seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approval of 3/5/24 PPA BOD Business Meeting Minutes

J. Adamson (A, #3) made a motion to approve the minutes from Parker Performing Arts BOD Monthly Business Meeting on 03-05-24.

C. Walker (E, #1) seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Public Comments/Scheduled Appearances

A. Welcome scheduled guests and meeting attendees

Welcome to Gordon Mosher from Douglas County School District Choice Program

Director

and PPA actors

V. Olivas Smith (E, #7) arrived at 5:55 PM.

B. Public Comments

C. Intro from Gordon Mosher

- Schools for Choice Programming Director - liaison between the Douglas County School Board and the Board of Directors of the charter schools

- introduction and wanting to be around for brainstorming and collaboration with the charter schools.
- open the floor for questions from the director
 - District thoughts on changes in leadership in state government?
 - strongest charter school legislation in the nation - spelled out charter school regulations and expectations
 - lots of loud and strong voices advocating for the charter schools
 - How do Douglas County charter schools compare to other districts in CO?
 - see more of choice for preference in aspects of education and less about the lack of performance in the local/neighborhood school
 - Role of Charter Schools in the Future of Douglas County
 - the superintendent is a huge proponent of choice,
 - highest performing schools in the Denver metro area
 - there are pockets of serious decline with fewer children, changing demographics, and other areas of serious growth
 - looking at under-enrolled schools and schools that have no more room.
 - The bond will be back on the ballot next cycle
 - What are the biggest pitfalls you see in charter schools and how can they be avoided
 - conflict of interest with staff and funds mismanagement
 - How can the board stand out in the district
 - put policies in place and hire a great leader to implement the policies effectively
 - make sure parents and community members know that they can come to the board and the leadership of the school is there to work with them to address concerns
 - Perception of exclusivity in charter schools?
 - clarifying that the schools are free and open to the community for enrollment and opportunities

D. Performance from PPA Drama Department

Carolyn Jordan - middle school theater teacher presents with students

- Advanced Theater production ensemble class - students will put on a 75-minute full production with all working/rehearsal on the programming in school.
- Emma - the musical is this semester's selection.
- student-driven theater production to produce the production tech through performance.
 - students perform clips of the songs to be performed in the production in about a month.

IV. Administration Reports

A.

PrinciPAL Update with Mr Molfino

Update presented by P Molfino

- Charter laws in Colorado - legislative changes are being proposed at the state level
- The end of the year will end strong in finances
 - lots of projects lined up for the summer
 - adding a second art room and rearranging some of the rooms
 - the parking lot will be worked on again
 - technology all projects have been upgraded and are ready to be set up for the school
 - purchase service agreement can not exceed 5% of the budget
 - adding another staff member to the Choice office
 - Charter Alliance in Douglas County pushing back on the staffing and decisions that are being made with minimal the schools' input,
 - how schools are funded in the state of Colorado is being updated - the formula being used is being looked at
 - lead by urban education as there is a lot more population and power/influence
 - hyperlink in the update to look at the proposed bill
 - Refinancing horizon - school year 24/25 good place to start the year - looking good to strengthen things
 - 25/26 - final increase of the mortgage and look to start getting tight
 - end of year eligible to go to market for a new bond
 - potential rate cuts might play in favor for refinance
- Academics - CMAS next week!
- RPD plan and things for
 - math growth number elementary and middle focus
 - more outside professional development
 - math development
 - evidence outcomes
- April 19th no school prep for next year
- The Arts
 - Acts of Piracy opens next week - looking for help with ticket sales
- Marketing is out in the world, blogs and video also at Park Meadows mall
- Course registration complete for middle school
- Visit from a reopening school in Indiana

Contract renewal is started and underway

- full compensation package included in their offer for a fuller picture for the staff
- hiring is going well - should be down to 1 position by end of the week
- Spring dance was a successful evening

- The book fair got cut short by 2 days due to the blizzard
- Staff survey went out to staff
- Parent survey went out and is now closed

B. Business Manager's Report

Presented by T Maestas

- March Finance meeting - pushed back due to spring break
 - Review Feb
 - approved 24/25 budget needs to be into the district by May 30th
 - Staffing and enrollment will be the largest source of fluctuations
 - 626 registered with 26 pending enrollment

V. Actionable Items

A. Finalize proposed changes to term limits for BOD within by-laws

Bump to working meeting due to time limitations

VI. Committee Reports

A. Marketing Committee

Director C Erickson

- The majority of marketing is done by the company hired earlier this year
- advert word of mouth is encouraged

B. Fundraising Committee

Director S Cooke

- Swirls 16th of April (frozen yogurt) off Mainstreet
- May 3rd Fun Run
- Boondocks and Skate City - annual events?
 - potentially for end of year event

C. Finance Committee

Director JT Adamson

- Strong financials
 - Interest will start to accumulate in the time savings account
- 150k in spending coming up - already accounted for in the budget and trending ahead still

- Looking about 2 years out due to potential changes in funding laws and refinance and charter renewal all hitting around the same time

D. SAC/Grant Committee

Director K McDonald

SAC

- Sent out parent survey now closed and compiling data.
 - differentiated between elementary school and middle school into 3 groups
 - might affect data comparison
- Staff survey went out

Grant

- submitted with Doug Co Community Association
 - 4k grant - proposing to buy social/emotional items on teachers' wish lists - mental health and suicide prevention focused
 - May decision for d
 - FSPC - 2-year grant application in progress

E. PCA Update

Director V Olivas Smith

- Election material sent out, inquiry for interest in serving on the PCA board
- events have been smoothly run
- Interest in potentially attending the meetings
- Questions on the Board of Directors' open positins

VII. Other Business

A. Other Business/Actionable Items

Director

- next meeting - annual review with executive session April 16th
 - virtual meeting
 - survey will go out next year
- Summer calendars for the annual strategy meeting looking at the beginning of June

B. Plans for Next Meeting

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Remington (A, #2)