



Pocosin Innovative Charter Board of Directors Monthly Meeting March 19, 2024

Chairman Stephanie Phelps called to order at 6:01 pm on March 19, 2024 a monthly meeting of the Pocosin Innovative Charter Board of Directors.

Recitation of Mission

The mission of Pocosin Innovative Charter was shared by Constance Davenport.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented by Gabrielle Davenport with a second by Lynn West. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from February 20, 2024 as presented by Constance Davenport with a second by Gabrielle Davenport. The motion was unanimously approved.

Middle School Presentation (Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Spencer and BB Halstead)

The teachers shared a video of students sharing what they have learned in middle school. Some of the students shared information about learning soft skills like communication, collaboration, cooperation, time management and having a positive attitude. Others share they have learned to turn things in on time, setting priorities, making time for socializing to reduce stress and getting out of their comfort zones. Lastly, they shared that they have learned to be themselves, have good relationships with their teachers and ignore distracting people. Mrs. Spencer ended with saying this is an awesome school and Mrs. Mason shared her top 10 things she enjoys about working at Pocosin Innovative Charter.

FFA Update

Ms. Hassell presented the following information. On April 10 - 11 - Horticulture Off Campus Practice. April 19 - Regional Rally (Hort, Forestry, Creed and Public Speaking). May 2nd - FFA Banquet. June 25 - 27 State Convention (Agriscience Fair, Spanish Creed). For the 4th Nine Weeks students will be studying a Plant Sciences Unit. Plants parts and functions, proper planting/garden techniques, proper plant/garden maintenance, care and garden prep and planting. Idea Proposals: Growing the garden larger. In-school community garden rows available

for each grade level to use for their individual class activities. A section for larger crop production for Middle school class activities. Implement for the 24-25 school year.

Director's Report

Shelia Cumiskey presented the Director's Report.

Enrollment

- Currently there are 34 applications in SchoolMint for 2024-2025
 - Registration Completed -1
 - Waitlisted - 33
 - Offered-10
 - Canceled-2
 - Declined-1
 - Withdrawn-1

Academics

- CoGats and Wida testing completed (only CoGat make-ups)
- Check-In 3 schedule
 - 6-8 ELA - March 25-26th
 - 6-8 Math - March 19-20th
 - 8th Science - April 30th
 - 3rd/4th ELA - March 25th
 - 3rd/4th Math - March 26th
 - 5th ELA - March 19th
 - 5th Math - March 20th
 - 5th Science - March 18

Staffing

- Sharing great news and recognition. Read Across America Week 2nd had the most guest readers and Bella get to throw water balloons at Mrs. Cumiskey.
- Duke Science Night was a great event with 10 families coming out from the 5th grade.

Discipline

- 4th Grader suspended for 10 days, Both homebound students extended until the end of the year.

Events and Community Involvement

March 29-April 5	SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL
April 3	Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
April 4	International Carrot Day
April 5	Read a Road Map Day

April 7	World Health Day
April 8	Teacher Workday – NO SCHOOL
April 9	Faculty Meeting 3:15-4:15pm
April 10	National Farm Animal Day
April 11	Ag Committee Meeting 3:15-5pm
April 12	3rd Grade Multiplication Bee (Morning)
April 12	Grilled Cheese Day
April 13	Scrabble Day
April 14	National Gardening Day
April 14	National Pecan Day
April 14-20	National Volunteer Recognition Week
April 16	WEAR – PJs to Work/School Day
April 16	April BOE Meeting. 6pm. Fourth Grade
April 18	Parent Involvement Meeting 3:14-4pm
April 19	POCOSIN CLUB DAY
April 22	Earth Day
April 24	Spring Parent Academic Night 6-8pm
April 24	National Administrative Professionals' Day
April 25	DNA Day
April 26	Early Dismissal – 12:30pm (MTSS Leadership Team Training)
April 26	Pretzel Day
April 27	Pocosin Flea Market 7am-2pm
April 29	School Improvement Team Meeting 3:15-4pm
April 30	Honesty Day
May 2024	Mental Health Awareness Month, Physical Fitness Month
May 2	K-2 Field Day 9-11:30am
May 2	3-5 Field Day 12:30-2:50pm
May 2	FFA End of Year Banquet
May 3	School Lunch Hero Day
May 3	6-8 Field Day. 12:30-2:50-m
May 4	Herb Day

May 6	Online EOG/EOC tutorial practice – all students in grades 3-8 from 9-9:30am (regular schedule resumes at 9:30am). Teachers please document all students that have completed the tutorial and turn into Mrs. Cumiskey by 3pm
May 6	Lions Club Vision Screening
May 5-11	Staff Appreciation Week
May 7	Navy Band (2 shows K-5) (6-8)
May 7	EOG Testing Training/Faculty Meeting
May 7	Title 1 Parent Night/Test Taking
May 8	Ag Committee Meeting 3:15-5pm
May 9	Bloom with the Arts – Spring Chorus (K and 2nd), Art Expo – 7pm -Plate Sale 5:30-7pm - Art Auction
May 10	1-5 Award Ceremony
May 13-May 24	END OF GRADE TESTING WINDOW
May 16	Parent Involvement Meeting 3:14-4pm
May 16	3-5 Chorus to the NC Symphony (TBD)
May 17	Pizza Party Day
May 18	National Speech Language Pathologist Day
May 21	May BOE Meeting 6pm. Specials Program Presentation
May 22	Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony
May 22nd	6-7 Awards Ceremony (1-3pm)
May 23	8th Grade Promotion Ceremony
May 24	Last Day for Students
May 24	National Fruits and Vegetables Day
May 27	Memorial Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
May 28-29	Teacher Workday
May 28	8th Grade Bush Gardens Trip
May 28	National Hamburger Day
May 29	Staff Checkout sheets due before end of day

Health and Safety

- We are wanting to move forward with Pair Electronics. See attached quote for Fob system/Camera system. Budgeted \$27,000 for Fob system. Remaining difference can come from the safety grant awarded.
- Phone system - \$22,000 for the first year, \$2400 a year after. First year including wire installation, hardware, annual fee. Budgets \$20,000 for phone systems. Remaining difference can come from the safety grant awarded.

Technology

- Access points have been installed and seem to be working well. Check-ins ran smoothly with new access points
- Copypro demo has been delivered-prices will be discussed on Wednesday but the machine is here to try and determine how the staff feels it will meet our needs until then.
- The cost is approx. \$736 and would be the same cost whether we switch or not.
- Motion to approve the Camera system, phone system and copier agreement was provided by Constance Davenport with a second by Gabrielle Davenport. The motion was unanimously approved.

Transportation

- Bus Accident - Bus has been taken to Carolina Thomas. TAT is 1 month. We have requested to have it back by April 8, 2024.

Facilities

- They are landscaping today and trimming bushes. Mosquito spraying will happen tomorrow.

OTHER

- Ag FFA Banquet on May 2nd to have separate awards.
- Mrs. Armstrong is taking the National Beta Club to Savannah, Georgia and presented the cost breakdown. Motion to approve Option A contingent on insurance approval for a rental van was presented by Constance Davenport with a second by Gabrielle Davenport. The motion was unanimously approved.

Parent Teacher Coalition

The PTC will have a booth at the AG Expo to continue to recruit parents. They will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets and planning for Teacher Appreciation Week in May.

Athletic Handbook

Motion to approve the athletic handbook for 2024 was provided by Gabrielle Davenport with a second by Constance Davenport. The motion was unanimously approved.

School Calendar 2024-2025

Motion to approve the School Calendar for the 2024-2025 was provided by Laura Biggs with a second provided by Lynn West. The motion was unanimously approved.

Finance Report

The finance report was provided for review.

Public Comment (Subject to prior submission via email)

None

New Business

None

Closed Session pursuant to § 143-318.11. (a)(1)

Constance Davenport made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to § 143-318.11. (a)(1) and (a)(6). Laura Biggs provided the second for the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gabrielle Davenport made a motion to go back into open session. Laura Biggs provided the second for the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Employee Stipend Recommendation

Motion to approve a stipend for E.C. Services provided past extended school day was provided by Constance Davenport with a second by Gabrielle Davenport. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Laura Biggs
2nd Lynn West

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Biggs
Board Member

Pocosin Innovative Charter Board
Approved: April 19, 2024

Secretary: _____

Board Chair: _____

Attendance:

Lynda West

Gabrielle Davenport

Constance Davenport

Jackie Etheridge

Shelia Cumiskey