**Pocosin Innovative Charter Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**

**September 19, 2023**

Chairman Stephanie Phelps called to order at 6:00 pm on September 19, 2023 a monthly meeting of the Pocosin Innovative Charter Board of Directors.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda as presented by Constance Davenport with a second by Victoria Harrison. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from August 15, 2023 as presented by Gabrielle Davenport with a second by Victoria Harrison. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Director’s Report**

Shelia Cumiskey presented the Director’s Report.

**Enrollment**

* 23 day of school and enrollment is at 264

**Academics**

* 2022-23 Recap - Testing
* BOG testing for 3rd grade - Results
* Kindergarten-1st Grade - Phonics
* K-3 working to ensure we meet the Sept 22 Dibels BOY window
* Schedule is working well - focus on instruction (teachers utilizing planning times)
* Trades/Local Industries/Certifications schedule
* EC program serving 24 students (7 speech only) 11%
* Currently have 7- 504 students - 2%
* Developing DEPs for students that are identified AIG
* Started walkthroughs and observations
* Fall Academic Night - Sept 20
* Established Pocosin first Student Council Organization grades 6-8
* Committee updates (SIP/MTSS, Hospitality, Ag, Parent Involvement, School Safety)
* Testing Calendar - FYI

**Staffing**

* Staff is working hard to incorporate Ag (K-5)
* Technology support- closed session

**Discipline**

* Educators Handbook - working with CSP to gain access for staff
  + Several students were spoken to about attention in class and completing assignments.

**Events and Community Involvement**

* **Captain Bob Fundraiser Results - Profit: $2500**

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| September 19 | FFA Leadership North Pitt High School - Hassell 2-8pm |
| September 19 | September BOE Meeting 6pm - Presentation by Kindergarten Team |
| September 20 | **Fall Academic Family Night K-8 5-7pm** |
| September 22 | **POCOSIN CLUB DAY** |
| September 22 | WEAR your Boots to School Day |
| September 23 | Checkers Day |
| September 25 | **School Improvement Team Meeting 3:15-4pm** |
| September 27 | **NC Check in Test Training. 3:15pm** |
| September 28 | **Island Farm - 4th and 5th Grades. 8:30-2:30pm** |
| September 28 | Good Neighbor Day |
| September 28 | **POCOSIN FAMILY GAME NIGHT. 5-7pm** |
| October 2023 | National Bully Prevention Month |
| October 1 | International Coffee Day |
| October 2-18 | 3-8 Check-In #1 |
| October 4 | Taco Day |
| October 6 | World Smile Day |
| October 6 | Community Cornhole Tournament – 4-6pm |
| October 8-14 | National Fire Prevention Week |
| October 10 | **Edenton NC 8am-2pm 3rd Grade Field Trip** |
| October 10 | **Faculty Meeting 3:15-4:15pm** |
| October 11 | **1st Grade to Tyrrell Co Fire Department 9:30-11am** |
| October 11 | **Ag Committee Meeting 3:15-5pm** |
| October 12-13 | **Fall Break – NO SCHOOL** |
| October 12 | National Farmers Day |
| October 14 | Scuppernong River Festival Parade and Booth |
| October 16 | **Teacher Workday – NO SCHOOL** |

* **Fall Festival Update**

**Health and Safety**

* Safety Meeting - Sept 8th
* Fire Drills, Tornado Drills, location of students for tornado drills
* First Fire Drill, September 11th

**Technology**

* Closed session

**Transportation**

* All buses have received their yearly inspection. We are actively looking for bus driver substitutes.

**Facilities**

* Materials under the metal building
* Bathrooms in the PE Storage area
* Update on extermination
* Storage
* Concession Stand
* Railing for steps

**Other**

Letter sent to Philippi – Basketball

**AG/FFA Update**

Ms. Hassell is at the Regional FFA Leadership meeting at PITT High School

* + Goat Soap
  + Poinsettias
  + Cabbages
  + Raised Beds - classroom teachers
  + Elements of Ag at the Fall Festival
  + Farm Bureau
  + CASE curriculum $1000 includes training
  + FFA Officers
    - President: Daniela Lara-Gonzalez
    - Vice President: Finley Owens
    - Secretary: Ella Adams
    - Treasurer: Ariana Aguilar
    - Reporter: Owen Spruill
    - Sentinel: Kamiyah Davenport
    - Parliamentarian: Lylah Westcott
    - Chaplain: Cutler Phelps
    - Historian: De’Zyre Williams

**Policies**

Motion to approve the Parent’s Bill of Rights Compliance Policy as presented by Gabrielle Davenport with a second by Constance Davenport. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Kindergarten (Mrs. Spruill & Mrs. Bunch)**

The teachers and their students shared information about what they have been learning in kindergarten. Shared a letterland demonstration, math activity, dressed up as Johnny Appleseed and shared about the life cycle of an apple. Great job!

Mrs. Biedleman (reading interventionalist) demonstrated how she teaches using Direct Instruction. This is the school’s reading curriculum and showed how engaging the lessons can be in the classrooms daily.

**National Ag in the Classroom Conference (Mrs. Krista Bond)**

Mrs. Bond shared a Symbaloo online resource to access with the information she learned and resources such as Ag literacy, books and a lot about sugar from this conference in Florida over the summer. She was chosen to attend this conference because of earning the NC Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom teacher of the year for 2023.

**Landscaping**

The board was presented with bids for the landscaping of the school and Veteran’s field to review and will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Public Comment (subject to prior submission via email)**

None

**New Business**

**P.I.C. Parent Teacher Coalition**

Mackenzie Becker presented information to the board sharing the name of parent teacher organization. They will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. They will be electing officers at the upcoming meeting. Planning to sell Apple Cider at the Fall Festival on October 27th.

The Veteran’s Day program is going to be on November 9th at 10:00 and there will be recruiters from each branch of the military present to meet and talk with our students and other community members.

**Closed Session pursuant to § 143-318.11. (a)(1) and (a)(6)**

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

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

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Constance Davenport

2nd Lynn West

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Biggs

Secretary

Pocosin Innovative Charter Board

Approved: October 17, 2023

Secretary:  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Board Chair:  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Attendance:

Laura Biggs

Lynda West

Gabrielle Davenport

Victoria Harrison

Stephanie Phelps

Constance Davenport

Jackie Etheridge

Shelia Cumiskey