

**PENN HILLS CHARTER SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Minutes
December 15, 2016

1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m. by Bernice Lee

2. Roll Call

Name	Present	Absent	Time of Arrival After Call to Order
Qiana Buckner	X		
David Burton	X		
LaToya Hamm		X	
Bernice Lee	X		
Jose Rodriguez	X		
Allen Zeolla	X		

Be it resolved that the Board adopts the agenda.

MM: JR SM: AZ Action: Approved

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes from 11/17/16 Board Meeting
- b. Approval of School Report
- c. Approval of Personnel Report
- d. Approval of Financial Report

Be it resolved that the Board approves the consent agenda.

Motion to move on without the Financial Report

MM: AZ SM: JR Action: Approved

Financial Report Discussion: Outstanding balance showing for Pittsburgh Public Schools. Pending payment should be received by the end of December 2016.

Motion to approve the Financial Report

MM: JR SM: AZ Action: Approved

Public Comment

4. Reports/Presentations to the Board

a. PTA

Seeking approval for after-school program opportunities. Presented a 4-wk education program, Math/Science of Pittsburgh; \$50 cost, paid online by parents. Can include 10-25 students. It is a 1 hr program with various science projects available; take home projects; K-6 grades.

Q – Does the host provide information on grades before and after the program?

A – Will have to look into that.

Comments: Board does not approve programs that may be a hardship for parents to pay. Suggestion by Board, the PTA can offer, but the Board cannot. Would need to complete a Request for Use of Facilities form.

McTeacher night was a big success; Holiday Shop going well, went with new vendor - better quality products. Offered Scholastic to teachers to order books for free.

Will host a visit by a Sheriff – presenting anti-bullying for lower grades and cyber bullying for upper grades.

b. MicroSociety Legislature and Middle School Student Government Association

Yasair Ismaeli, President, and 4th grade Governor, Dakota Barnes, spoke about student opportunities to run for legislature, run for business ownership, or interviewing with businesses.

Students working on pay for students, deciding on pay and taxes. Hallways were given street names, classrooms will each have their own address.

Discussion: Suggestion to add a video to the website showing what the student government is doing. The Board is going to purchase professional signs for the street signs. Suggestion to take the students into the community to businesses to let them know what our school is doing.

Public Comment

5. Per recommendation of the Administration, approve the Data Consultant Agreement between PHCSE and the consultant, Sharon Zaborowski.

Mr. Jones stated that the consultant will support the school with State reporting compliance.

MM: JR SM: AZ Action: Approved

Public Comment

6. **Per recommendation of the Administration, approve Tamara Allen to attend the Women of Excellence Conference being held in Pittsburgh on January 6, 2017. Annual event to recognize women in the community. Great networking opportunity for the school**

Board: Amend this item to add approval to purchase tickets for Tamara Allen and four guests for the event.

MM: DB SM: AZ Action: Approved

Public Comment

7. **Per recommendation of the Administration, approve Memorandum of Understanding between PHCSE and The Darrin Walls Foundation, Inc.**

Discussion: Darrin Walls Foundation, wants to partner with PHCSE with the Touchdown for A's program, which encourages academic achievement. Students who join the program must meet criteria for rewards given for good grades. Program is at no cost, it is his give-back to the community.

Mrs. Williams to obtain clarity on the program and present information to the Board before moving forward with the program.

MM: JR SM: AZ Action: Approved, pending clarity of program

Public Comment

8. **New business**

Mr. Jones and Ms. Allen spoke at a Public Hearing in Wilmerding for a performance arts charter school who is seeking approval to open. It would be a great opportunity to have an alternative school so that parents in the East Allegheny School District have a choice. PHCSE will work on a partnership with this new charter high school if they are approved.

Mrs. Williams spoke of a NEED dinner in March. Seven young male students are to be recognized at the dinner. Looking into purchasing a table at a cost of \$1500 and ¼ ad. One parent for each child and three staff members to attend. If within budget, Finance Committee will look into it.

Public Comment

Adjourned

MM: DB SM: AZ Action: Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.