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DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 1

1. [12:30PM - 12:40PM Policy Updates](#)

Attachment: [5330 Use of Medication revised.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Wendy Dodge, Government Affairs Liaison, shared on the change to the Medical Marijuana policy and stated that State wants a policy in place. Superintendent Byrd addressed Polk County is in line with other districts.

Mrs. Miller addressed there are several students who need this medication but are required to take it off campus. This is will be difficult on parents who work.

Mr. Townsend said our policy should read that we are required to have a policy by State and Federal law.

Wes Bridges, PCPS General Council, talked about a Federal Law that states we cannot administer medical marijuana in schools. There is a Constitutional Amendment in the State of Florida that says we will legalize marijuana but not in schools. On the other hand, we also have a law that states we will have it in schools, which conflicts with Constitutional provisions. There is no other substances that has these conflicting Federal and State requirements. Staff can administer any other prescribed medication to students.

Ms. Fortney asked if it mentions staff? Mrs. Dodge stated that this policy addresses students only. Ms. Reynolds would like to address if a parent is a staff member? Mrs. Dodge stated that they can administer due to being a caregiver and having an ID.

Item 2

2. [12:40PM - 12:45PM Revised Job Description-Senior Analyst, Public Records](#)

Attachment: [Senior Analyst, Public Records.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Porteous, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, spoke about two positions that were approved at a previous board meeting in the Staffing Plan, which are of no additional costs.

Mrs. Byrd would like to note that the Senior Analyst Public Records position was a reorganizational move from Public Relations to Government Affairs, to be more aligned with communication with policies. There were differences in duties that needed to be addressed. She also mentioned that The Chief of Staff position is closed and they are reviewing applications. Tornado Dorian slowed the process down. There were nine applicants, most were external.

Item 3

3. [12:45PM - 12:50PM Revised Job Description for Senior Coordinator, Personnel](#)

Attachment: [Senior Coordinator, Personnel.pdf](#)

Item 4

4. [12:50PM - 1:30PM Magnet Schools and Open Enrollment Overview](#)

Attachment: [Magnet Presentation 2019.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FAQs..pdf](#)

Attachment: [Open Enrollment Ad Summary 2019.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Byrd stated that the School Showcase turned out wonderful, all schools were there on display. She believes that this turns out better each year. She mentioned that there were many therapy pets as well. Mrs. Byrd thanked the staff that worked and the kids that ran the booths.

Mrs. Cunningham stated that she loves the name change from WE3 to School Showcase. Dr. Akers stated that on Thursday and Friday there were 10,000 students. In addition there were 2,500 that came on Saturday. Showcase was a great success.

Dr. Akers, Associate Superintendent, Chief Academic Officer and Carolyn Bridges, Senior Director of Acceleration and Innovation addressed the Board on Magnet Schools and Open Enrollment Overview.

Mrs. Bridges went over the history of Magnet Choice and how we got to where we are today. Mrs. Bridges mentioned that as of today there are 6,001 applications. There are 54 addresses that need corrections. Dr. Akes mentioned that there is a call center with six staff members monitoring the calls and are doing a great job. Goal is to assist within 24 hours.

Mrs. Bridges mentioned that we do keep siblings together by building (Elementary, Middle, High).

Mrs. Miller asked which forms are being used for data since the free/reduced forms aren't really being used. Mrs. Bridges stated that we use formulas the Federal government has provided which are based on census data since we no longer use free/reduced forms. We need a consistent definition of SES.

Mrs. Miller has an issue with Choice and Magnet schools not taking students with IEP's or disabilities. She stated that a child with good grades was turned away due to IEP. How do we help change this message in the community? Mrs. Bridges stated ESE students need to be welcomed and accepted.

Superintendent Byrd stated we are correcting this problem and we will get better. We are welcoming "all students".

Mr. Townsend talked about how some of our Magnet schools do better than some of the Charter. Mr. Townsend would like to offer the parents the choice to go to the school they live near. It would have to be controlled enrollment.

Ms. Fields stated that we need to make sure we involve the community.

Mrs. Bridges went over how to use the Parent Portal to apply for Magnet/Choice schools.

Item 5

5. [1:30PM - 1:40PM APPRISE Progress Update/Discussion](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Barrios, Assistant Superintendent Information Systems and Technology, addressed the board about the APPRISE system. APPRISE will be the system for inputting Donations/Grants. Board Members will receive a monthly report for donations and a quarterly report on contracts. In addition, contracts will be handled differently as well.

Item 6

6. [1:40PM - 1:50PM Approval of 2019-2020 School Improvement Plans](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Hill, Deputy Superintendent and Mrs. Berrien, Senior Director of School Improvement, spoke about the School Improvement Plan.

Mr. Townsend asked what would happen if the board did not approve these plans. Mrs. Byrd said we would have to answer to the FLDOE if we didn't.

Mr. Bridges, PCPS General Council, explained that we have to follow the law or staff could be dismissed.

Mrs. Fields asked when will the schools release the information to the parents, SAC committee and staff? Mrs. Berrien stated that many schools have already given a draft copy to their SAC members but once the board approves, they can be published. Mrs. Fields also asked when can the community be part of SAC committees? Mrs. Berrien stated that they have until the end of December to give final copy of the roster. They are currently soliciting people for SAC. Many schools have not finalized their rosters yet.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Business Services - General

7. [Financial Statements for the period ending September 30, 2019](#)

Attachment: [September 2019 Board Financial Packet.pdf](#)

Business Services - Federal Programs - Grants

8. [Grants Management Quarterly Report](#)

Attachment: [PCPS Quarterly Grant Summary Report - November 2019.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Grant amendments 2019-2020.pdf](#)

BOARD AGENDA REVIEW

9. [Review the November 12, 2019 Board Agenda](#)

Attachment: [November 12, 2019 Board Agenda.pdf](#)

Minutes:

C-20: Ms. Fortney questioned the amount on the contract. She would like clarification on the \$200,000. Dr. Longa clarified how Title I has a blanket contract for LSI to use for the 97 Title I schools who contract and use LSI to provide services in their schools. The contract had to be rewritten to be used correctly. The \$200,000 is a placeholder. Dr. Longa explained substitute funds for each school, regarding LSI.

OLD BUSINESS

10. [Ongoing Legislative Discussion](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Townsend stated that we do not support the use of VAM.

Mrs. Byrd stated that the plan is to have the data to the schools by July 31st each year.

Ms. Fields would like to see the VAM verses SAO so the board can see the big picture.

Polk Growth Model (PGM) will be brought back to discussion.

The Board would like to discuss this earlier in the year for next year's platform. Ms. Byrd recommends having a discussion about VAM and SAO and build the platform earlier.

11. [Lake Wales zoning](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Akes and Carolyn Bridges addressed adding the zoning for Lake Wales Charter. It would be a static copy of the Lake Wales Charter schools. We can add a phone number as well.

NEW BUSINESS

12. [Accelerated Reader \(AR\) - Points](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Akes, Ann Everett, and Stacy Rivera went over a power point for Accelerated Reader.

Ms. Rivera explained that the schools were all over the place with the scores.

13. [IRIS Progress Update/Discussion](#)

14. [Strategic Planning Retreat October 2019 Update](#)

Attachment: [PCSB FY 2019-20 Strategic Planning Facilitation Proposal.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Freijo went over Superintendent's Evaluation. He explained the scoring system.

Board Members would like to see a different structure for the superintendents evaluation in the future. Want to include the superintendent in these changes. There have been improvements over the year. Board Members may need training on to how do the evaluation.

15. ~~School Board Services' Direct Employees Contract Discussion~~

Attachment: ~~Mr. Bridges.pdf~~

Attachment: ~~Mrs. Matthews.pdf~~

Attachment: ~~Bridges and Matthews.pdf~~

16. [BOARD COMMENTS](#)

Minutes:

Sara Beth Reynolds spoke about her trip to Tennessee last week to visit academies. She stated that every Freshman is enrolled in an Freshman academy. Ms. Reynolds mentioned that "Wall-to-Wall" means that every student is enrolled in an academy and this is what makes them so successful in Nashville.

Mr. Townsend thought Winter Haven High had Wall-to-Wall academies. Mrs. Byrd stated that its not fully a true standup Wall-to-Wall based on the tour to Nashville but never was fully implemented.

Lori Cunningham, Board Chair

Jacqueline M. Byrd, Superintendent