

Minutes      Governing Board of Putnam Academy of Arts and Sciences      August 15, 2019

Present: Jay Browning, Sharon Hughes, Diana Latta, Lindsey Motl, Stephanie Peters, Les Sims, Elisabeth Virnstein, and Principal Curtis Ellis.

Absent: Shirley Davis and Julia Warwick

Guests present: Instructors Christina Griffis, Sharon Merwin, and Joy Reid; Parents Sherry Everett and Crystal Blevins.

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 PM by Chair Sharon Hughes.

### **Consent Agenda:**

The motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Les Sims and seconded by Diana Latta. There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The motion to approve the financial reports for June, 2019, was made by Les Sims and seconded by Diana Latta. Diana Latta asked for clarification of amounts for cameras, repairs, and a new mower. There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Principal's Report:**

Principal Curtis Ellis reviewed the new budget for 2019-2020. The state not having finalized some details, some amounts are not yet known. There will be a reduced amount for Title I, PECO funds are as yet unknown, as well as for Title IID and media. A budget for summer expenses was also reviewed.

Our audit is underway and will soon be complete 8/31/19.

Our enrollment is full.

The Facility Upgrade Committee met yesterday and prioritized the list of tasks to be completed. On the list are harden the main entrance, reduce interior visibility, replace exit doors, replace one metal gate, install a privacy fence and gate at the back of the property, reduce metal gate visibility.

The new Guardian Contract was presented. An addition to the contract from the sheriff's department asks each school to find a replacement guardian should the school's regular guardian be absent. Les Sims asked whether this clause came from the state or from the sheriff's office. The Board asked for legal clarification from our attorney.

The sheriff's department also asked whether the three charter schools wished to pool resources to hire one SRO between us. This idea was rejected.

The USDA grant moves forward with the architect ready to submit the new spec book information.

Curtis presented graphs showing that, for FSA testing, 82% of students in the lowest quartile scored at Level 1. Plans for more intensive remediation of these students are implemented.

The Calendar for September was reviewed.

FSA rewards will be given 8/16/19. 75% of students will receive an award.

**Discussion Items:**

Sharon Hughes presented the Board meeting dates for the coming year.

**Action Items:**

On the vote to use of the FCPCS evaluation instrument, Les Sims made the motion, Diana Latta seconded. There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

On the vote to approve the budget for 2019-2020, Diana Latta made the motion, Les Sims seconded. There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

On the vote to sign the new directive from the sheriff's department, the Board asked that the motion be tabled pending legal advice.

**Board Comment**

Diana Latta complimented our new custodian Jerry for all that he has accomplished so far. The painting of the courtyard and front of the school look great.

Sharon Hughes complimented all on a smooth school opening.

The motion to adjourn was made by Les Sims and seconded by Diana Latta. There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.