

**Pine Lake Preparatory
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: December 16, 2009

Location: PLP Upper School

Directors Present: Anne McIntosh, John Moloney, Bill Neal, Antoinette Ellison, Cara Cassell Jones, Chris Perri

Directors Absent: None

Administrative Staff: Kate Alice Dunaway, Kari Jolly, Amy Sevic, Jennifer Gnann, Chris Scholl, Tim Rhodes

- Meeting called to order at 6:11 p.m. by John Moloney. John lays out protocol for meeting and introduces the board members to the audience.
- PLP Pride Moment. John shares an update on the Ingersoll Rand/Irwin Tools/Newell Rubbermaid partnership expansion for the US Robotics team.
- Minutes from the previous month's meeting minutes are presented; Anne motions to approve, Twan seconds; unanimous approval. Motion carried.
- No guests present for open discussion.
- Kate Alice shares an update on the Race to the Top opportunity initiated by President Obama. North Carolina will be applying for this grant funding. Charter Schools are represented in the grant proposal by Jack Moyer. Ben Putnam has not been able to expand upon the benefits the grant may have for charter school, he has only been able to confirm that charter schools are represented. The final grant is scheduled to be completed before they break for the Christmas holiday. Anne shares that she has little information from Budd Berro/Governor Perdue's office. Mr. Berro has not been sharing any updated on the Race to the Top grant. Discussion regarding the requirements of the grant and how/if North Carolina's restrictions on charter schools may affect the grant funding from the Department of Education.
- Capital Campaign update from Kevin Shannon, Chairman of the Steering Committee. See attached report. Kate Alice adds an ad-hoc update about the AP pledges; APs have currently pledged approximately \$40,000 to the campaign.
- John thanks Kevin Shannon and the steering committee concerning all the hard work and effort put into the Capital Campaign.
- John announces that there will be a Kaleidoscope Meeting tonight after Board Meeting.
- Kate Alice provides a Head of School Report. See Attached. She highlights the summary 2010 plans and goals. Kate Alice speaks about hosting Head of School inforiums, 4 times in a calendar year. Two will be held this spring to be held offsite. Tentative Date for first inforium is January 19, 2010. A proposal to plan the calendar 2 years in advance instead of 1. Graduation plans will begin the first week in January.
- Kate Alice provided a copy of the school profile that will be sent out to all college and universities that our students have applied from Pine Lake Preparatory.
- Bill Neal asks for more information on the loan not being a line of credit. Kate Alice spoke that the Bank was willing to work with us we decided to move it to a line of credit. Bill and Kate Alice agreed to meet with Bank after Holidays to receive figures and more detailed information concerning moving to a line of credit.
- Chris Perri makes a motion to and Twan Ellison seconds for Bill Neal, treasurer, and Kate Alice , Head of School makes the decision
- Amy Sevic spoke to Athletics. See attached.
- Jennifer Gnann spoke to testing and review. Cara asked for more explanation be given concerning Map testing. Jennifer spoke to attending regular testing meetings in Wilksboro. During this meeting is that all EOG 's retest two's have been eliminated beginning 2010. Remediation between the two tests has

also been eliminated. An update on Upper School mid-term exams. A request for ninth grade students to participate in an Otis Lennon Aptitude test due to many applications for extra-curricular academic programs. March 9, 2010 is the tenth grade writing test. CAT testing is the last week of April. AP testing is the first two weeks of May. EOG's will be given the last three weeks in May.

- Anne McIntosh requested from Bill Neal an update on expenditures PLPalooza. Bill spoke to the concern that he is still gathering information concerning IC costs, Palooza costs, and Capital Campaign costs. Bill spoke concerning a desire to go to an hourly rate with IC.
- Chris Perri reviews by-law revisions. He has worked with DPI and will work on proposals with Kate Alice after first of the year.
- Cara spoke to the selection of a stake holders survey. She has located several surveys most questions could not be changed. She has located a survey created by Charter school Leadership in California at USC. She will be attending a webinar on Friday to learn more.
- John spoke to strategic goals and planning. He confirms February 19-20, 2010. He asks all Board Members to commit to attending.
- John will circulate the executive limitation policies for everyone to take a look at and discuss at next board meeting. John will send via email by Friday, December 18, 2009.
- Meeting adjourned for closed session at 7:43pm.