

Minutes Governing Board of Putnam Academy of Arts and Sciences August 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jarvis Wright.

Present: Principal Curtis Ellis, Jay Browning, Sharon Hughes, Diana Latta, Lindsey Motl, Amy Ricks, Elisabeth Virnstein, Jarvis Wright.

Absent: Shirley Davis, Yvette Jones, Julia Warwick.

There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda:

The motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting was made by Sharon Hughes and seconded by Diana Latta. There was no discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The motion to accept the recent financial report was made by Sharon Hughes and seconded by Lindsey Motl. There was no discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion:

Curtis Ellis gave the Principal's Report.

1. There are no attendance or discipline issues to report.
2. Enrollment is fill at 198.
3. The budget report shows high FTE, a continued stimulus bonus (TSIA) and UniSIG monies, but amounts for PECO and the Titles will change.
4. One parapro is still needed.
5. We have received the Oliver grant for \$5600 which will provide 4 defibrillators.
6. We will change banks from Capital City to Ameris.
7. There may be a finding in the audit.
8. 94% of students will receive a FAST reward this year.
9. Performance Data: school grades will be released October/November, and cut-off scores will remain the same for 2023. Our grade must stay the same but our scores this years could have given us a higher grade.
10. Board contact information was checked. Chair will create a messaging group for the Board.
11. The Art Teacher, Mrs. Beck, will create murals for the inner courtyard.

Action Items:

- 1. On July 11, 2023, the Board unanimously approved by email our accepting the District Code of Conduct.**

2. On July 17, 2023, the Board unanimously approved by email the appointment of our Parent Liaison, Ginny Murph.

3. The motion to grant authority to Curtis Ellis and Melissa Pahota to move Putnam Academy bank funds from Capital City to Ameris Bank was made by Sharon Hughes and Seconded by Diana Latta. There was no discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Comment:

Sharon Hughes asked how the opening days had gone. Principal Curtis Ellis replied that they had gone well. He added that it is early days for tutoring but that will increase. A parent can contact Curtis to have a student begin tutoring. Tutoring is offered from 7:45 AM until 8:45 AM.

There was confusion on the first day regarding bus pickup, since we share buses with PJSHS. Now one bus comes after school to pick up PAAS students, take them to PJSHS, and students then get on their appropriate bus.

The flashing lights on Palm Avenue are working.

The motion to adjourn was made by Diana Latta and seconded by Sharon Hughes. There was no discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be October 19, 2023, at 4:45 PM at the school.