Pine Lake Preparatory Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 29, 2009 Location: PLP Upper School

Directors Present: Anne McIntosh, John Moloney, Bill Neal. Via teleconference: Antoinette Ellison (joins at 6:50 p.m.), Cara Cassell Jones, Chris Perri
Directors Absent: None
Administrative Staff: Kate Alice Dunaway, Kari Jolly

Guests: Manny Taboada, Linda diPaola, Paresh Patel

- Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by John Moloney. John lays out protocol for meeting and introduces the board members to the audience.
- > John shares plans for the AP recognition event scheduled for September 12, 2009.
- School of Distinction designation update from Kate Alice. RE: Information reported in the Statesville Record and Landmark recently. Information reported was gained from the AYP report from the state (adequate yearly progress). She shares that there was a coding error when we reported our testing scores to the state, which caused our AYP results to be off. We are appealing the report and submitting the correct coding. The state board will review our appeal in September and it is anticipated that the report will be corrected to indicate that we met our AYP goals. Our preliminary composite score is around 89%, which will qualify us as a School of Distinction.
- Budget cutbacks/stimulus updates from Kate Alice and Bill Neal. Kate Alice shares that we completed the applications for the \$460k which may potentially be available to PLP from the federal government. However, it is possible that the State may decide to cut our funding further that would ultimately mean we don't see any additional money – it would be a "wash". The state is allowing access to funding for "essential" items (i.e.: rent and payroll) but all other spending remains on hold until the legislature adopts the budget. The issue surrounding potential charter school funding from the federal program, "Race to the Top", and how the cap that North Carolina has on charter school growth may inhibit our ability to access that funding is discussed. Recent conversations with representatives at the state level are not confidence inspiring. Kate Alice will follow up with the US Department of Education.
- Year end budget numbers are discussed. Kate Alice affirms that the preliminary report shared by Tom Williams at ANS earlier this month is holding true. Bill questions the status of making the school "whole" from the capital campaign perspective. Kari shares estimates on the year end totals in that regard. Chris Perri questions whether or not ANS would act as the accounting firm for the Kaleidoscope Foundation. John states that this has been considered but a decision has not been made. Discussion ensues. Bill agrees to approach Tom Williams about this a bit further down the road.
- Open session closed at 6:36 p.m.
- Closed session opens at 6:40 p.m.