PPLA Community Engagement Events & Fundraising Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 28, 2025

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Please click the link to register to join the meeting:
https:http://bit.ly/3THpB1O
Public Comment should be submitted via email to:
boardorcommitteecomments@gmail.com

Attendance - Committee Members	
Chizarra Dashiell Victor Lee	Simona Wright-James - Committee Chair Stacey Taylor
Attendance - Other	

AGENDA

1. Call to order and reading of PPLA Mission, Vision & Philosophy: https://www.pplapcsacademy-bcps.com/who-is-ppla-

   Mission: Our mission is to provide a high-quality inclusive, and equitable education for all students from Pre-K (age 3 & 4) through 5th grade.

   Vision: Our emphasis on culture, community, creativity and collaboration ensures that every child is prepared to contribute meaningfully to an ever-changing world.

   Philosophy: Our commitment to equity, inclusion, and excellence guides everything we do, ensuring that our students are equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in an interconnected and diverse society.

2. Roll call of committee members & ice breaker
    a. *This month honors folks who stood up for justice and liberation—what's something you'd like to help make better for young people in schools today?*
3. Stakeholder and Public Announcements
    a. Enrollment push - **Application opens in October!**
        - ***There is a weighted lottery process. This means that we will provide resources, learning, and our process to those who are most interested.***
        ii. Voice your interest here!
        iii. Postcard mailers
        iv. Social Ads
        v. New website!
    b. Community Partnerships/Engagement
        i. Recent Partners Onboarded:
            - AnuLife Training Solutions/Kaydonna
                a. Helping with Pre-K programming
            - CANN Network!
            - GBC - in final stages
            - Morgan State University (spec. Around STE and pre-K learners)
            - **Facilities!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (Spot Lux Cleaning)**
        ii. Newsletter - **paused for now**
            - Posting about job opportunities
        iii. Blog Topic/Naming?
            - Gaps: community x school
                a. Parent Workshops
                b. Information about policy and procedures aka handbook, the PBIS handbook, language in the classroom, the reward system, and transportation
                c. **Support my child's learning at home**
                d. **Financial Health Tips: Monthly tips to help in your fiscal responsibility journey**

c. Events

“KPI 2: Family Engagement in Early Learning Goal: By 2027, achieve 15% participation rate in PPLA PCS's family engagement initiatives designed to support early childhood development (e.g., workshops, home visits, parent-teacher conferences).

- *Alignment with Blueprint 2.0: The Blueprint emphasizes the importance of family and community engagement in supporting early childhood education.*
- *Relevance to PPLA PCS: Strong family partnerships are crucial for creating a supportive learning environment and extending learning beyond the classroom, especially in the early years. "*

i. **Internal:** Info sessions - starting back up in October, led by Simona
    a. Wednesdays at 12 PM as a Lunch & Learn
        i. Partner with local businesses? (partner with/ a community partner)

ii. **External:**
- Where
    a. Community Engagement
        i. Events
            1. Saturday, September 20, 2025 Baltimore - CONNECT X YSL | 2025 Community Fall Resource Fair
            2. Jerome Mcfadden Educational Center, Sept 6th - Preschool to Prison
            3. Jerome Mcfadden Educational Center, Lunch and Learning - Oct

22nd about School discipline and resiliency

4. Arts Project Inc. - Chalk Art Fest October 18, 2025 - Halloween specific

ii. Meetings

1. Virtual Events

a. Sept 4 - Southern District & Community Relations Council Monthly Crime and Community Meeting

d. Volunteer Program (Stacey)

i. Recruitment via new platforms - Match.com

ii. Artist Call still open!

4. Public Comments on non-agenda items
5. Meeting Adjournment