

Board of Directors Open Meeting Minutes
Pine Lake Preparatory, Inc.
Wednesday, January 28th 2026, at 6:30 PM

Attendees: Sarah Phillips, Chris Cody, Bryan Thurtle-Schmidt, Matthew Belmont, Ashton Watson, Matt Dellinger, Steve Buege

Absent: Bill Aull

School Leadership Present: Andrew Mocerri, Sherri Fletcher, Shelly Sims, Brant Hyatt, Dr. Timothy Hoffmann, Lori Reuter, Lauri Schatz, Meredith Miller

1. Call to Order and Conflict of Interest Reminder (6:30pm)
per NCGS 138A-15(e)

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, 138A-15(e), it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved.

No conflicts.

2. Mission, Vision, and Values (6:32pm)

Mission - Pine Lake Preparatory prepares students for college, career and a purposeful life.

Statement of Affirmation - At Pine Lake Preparatory, we recognize our collective responsibility to model growth and acceptance as we build a community of trust and courage.

Each day, we strive to practice empathy through meaningful experiences and appreciation for each student, staff member, and family to create a sense of belonging for everyone in the PLP community

Community Values - Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Drive to Excellence, and Empathy

3. Public Comment (6:34pm)

4. Board Business (6:35pm)

a) Approval of Meeting Minutes (12.17.25)

- a. Move to motion made by: Sarah Phillips
- b. Second: Bryan Thurtle-Schmidt
- c. Motion Passed: Yes
- d. Anyone abstained: n/a

b) Board Election and Nomination Update

- a. The Governance committee met to discuss and review the Board Election and Nomination draft. The information will be shared by Andrew for Board comment

tomorrow, with feedback requested by the end of this week, before making public on the PLP website and other community places (e.g., local newspapers).

c) **Board Committee Updates**

- a. The Finance Committee met and reviewed the December 2025 financial dashboard.
- b. The Academic Excellence Committee met with school counselors and reviewed the PLP application and matriculation data for colleges. The prepared information is available for the entire Board on the committee folder on the shared drive.

5. Financial Matters (6:45pm)

a.) **December 2025 Financial Dashboard**

- a. The group reviewed the prepared materials and discussed the information.

b.) **December 2025 Fundraising Dashboard**

- a. **Building the Future One Piece at a Time**
- b. The group reviewed the prepared materials and discussed the information.

c.) **EVAAS Growth and Advanced Placement (AP) Bonus Update**

- a. The group reviewed the prepared materials and discussed the information. Eligible PLP teachers will receive earned bonuses in end of January paychecks.

5. Administrative Matters (6:57pm)

a.) **Good News**

- a. For the Lower School, Ms. Shelly Sims provided updates on school events.
- b. For the Middle School, Ms. Lauri Schatz provided updates on school events.
- c. For the Upper School, Dr. Timothy Hoffmann provided updates on school events.

b.) **Student Lottery Update**

- a. The group reviewed prepared materials and discussed the information.

c.) **Public Health Matters**

- a. The group discussed the National Measles outbreak. Mr. Andrew Mocerri noted he has had general discussions with Iredell County Public Health Officials re: guidance.

Motion to move into Executive Session b. § 143-318.11(a)(3&6) *To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee; or to consult with an attorney by the PLP Board of Directors in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.*

- a. Move to motion made by: Sarah Phillips
- b. Second motion made by: Steve Buege
- c. Motion passed: Yes
- d. Anyone abstained: No

8. Resumed Open Session and Vote as Needed (7:10pm)

A motion to approve the proposed Contract for the Executive Director.

- a. Move to motion made by: Sarah Phillips
- b. Second: Bryan Thurtle-Schmidt
- c. Motion Passed: Yes
- d. Anyone abstained: n/a

9. Meeting Adjourn (7:12pm)

- a. Move to motion made by: Sarah Phillips
- b. Second motion made by: Ashton Watson
- c. Motion passed: Yes
- d. Anyone abstained: No