

PREMIER CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Agenda

September 19, 2024

- I. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA
- II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS
- III. OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Report of the Board Chair
 - B. Report of the Vice Chair, Education
 - C. Report of the Vice Chair, Finance
 - D. Report of the Head of School
 - E. Report of the Family Involvement Chair
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. 2024 8th Grade High School Matriculation Report
 - B. ELA Curriculum Rollout Report
 - C. Enrollment Report
 - D. 2024-2025 Revised Financial Budget
- VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

Next Board Meeting - Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 4:30pm.
- VII. OPEN FORUM
 - A. Presenters are required to sign the open forum log prior to the meeting being called to order.
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 - A. Call for closed session
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- IX. RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Actions required to come before General Session
- X. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF PREMIER CHARTER SCHOOL

September 19, 2024

4:30 pm

I. Recitation of Authority

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Premier Charter School was held on September 19, 2024 at 4:30 pm. The meeting was held in the Conference room located at 5279 Fyler Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139, pursuant to the by-laws of the School.

II. Attendance and Quorum

The Chair stated that the first order of business was to call the meeting to order, and to determine whether a quorum of directors of the school were present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Joe Blomker called the meeting to order.

NOTED, that the following directors, representing a quorum of the directors of the school, were present at the meeting: Mr. Joe Blomker, Mrs. Colleen Wilson, Mr. Carr Trovillion, Mrs. Kathryn Mitchell-Pierce, Mr. Dave Mueller. Mrs. Cassandra Ray, and Mr. Derrick Brooks.

NOTED, that the following presenting staff of Premier Charter School were present at the meeting: Dr. Julie Frugo and Mr. Andy Vien.

III. Actions

- A. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Joe Blomker called for a review of the meeting's agenda and called for any additions thereto. One amendment to the agenda, move Item D 24-25 Revised Financial Budget to Item B. Agenda was approved as presented.
- B. **Reading and Approval of the May 16, 2024 Board Minutes:** On a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution adopted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on May 16, 2024 was approved and ratified.

IV. Officer Report

A. **Report of Chair:**

- 1. Mr. Blomker reported on the current SLPS situation.

2. Mr. Blomker reported that Cornerstone Academy reached out would like to build a relationship with PCS. He visited Cornerstone Academy recently and they also visited PCS.

B. Report of Vice Chair, Education:

Mrs. Kathryn Mitchell-Pierce reported that she had recently met Dr. Julie Frugo and will be starting up the Education Advisory Committee for the 24-25 school year. Received some preliminary dates from PCS staff and will be reaching out to our board colleagues who will be part of this committee. Primary focus will be on literacy curriculum and academic needs of those students needing special education services with an eye towards how this will impact literacy and mathematic curriculum.

C. Report of Finance Committee Chair:

Mr. Carr Trovillion spoke on the behalf of the finance committee. The finance committee met September 13, 2024 to review the financial results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 as well as the second revised budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Currently, the audit of the financial results for the fiscal year ended June 2024 is underway, and the finance committee will meet with the auditors in October, 2024.

D. Report of Head of School:

1. Current enrollment is 981 with an average daily attendance of 95%.
2. PCS continues to show modest positive growth in academic performance as reflected in the recent MAP data. School wide proficiency levels have improved in both literacy and math with a reduction in the number of students performing at the below basic level.
3. Character Education practices remain central to PCS's mission. Leadership and Caring School Community Teams regularly assess these principals of setting short and long term goals to improve charter education practices. Through an evaluation process, PCS will continue to refine our strategic plan to enhance the character developments of our students.
4. PCS has an active and successful recruitment and hiring season. PCS welcomed 31 new staff members who were successfully onboard in August. At present, PCS is fully staffed with the exception of a few remaining support and paraprofessional positions. PCS's ability to attract high quality candidates has been a bright spot this school year, contributing to the overall strength of our education team.
5. Professional development at PCS continues to be a cornerstone of our commitment to knowledge and skill growth as well as improved student outcomes. PCS offers a wide range of learning opportunities in addition to side by side coaching, including independent study, self-paced modules, webinars, book studies, peer collaboration, and off site learning experiences.

These opportunities are to help with our strategic plans and intentionally designed. We believe that by fostering a culture of continuous learning our educators are better equipped to inspire and engage their students.

E. **Report of the Family Involvement Chair:**

None

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A. **2024 8th Grade High School Matriculation Report:**

Mrs. Erin Russell reported on high school placement of our PCS students. PCS start the high school process in the beginning of 6th grade student year. The PCS class of 2024 has placed students in a wide range of high schools.

- Gateway Science Academy with 23 students enrolled.
- CVPA with 11 students selected this school with strong interest in arts focused education.
- Collegiate with 10 students opted for this academically focused program.
- St. Mary's and Metro. These schools had 6 and 5 students enroll.

B. **2024-2025 Revised Financial Budget:**

The PCS finance committee requests that the Board of Directors approve the second revised budget for the year ending June 30, 2025.

RESOLVED, that the Revised Financial Budget for the year ending June 30, 2025 was approved as presented.

C. **ELA Curriculum Rollout Report:**

Mrs. Dana Leesman reported on the new curriculum rollout. During the 24-25 school year, a team of 15 PCS members conducted an extensive audit of five ELA curriculum resources. Ultimately, Amplify CKLA K-5 and Amplify ELA 6-8 were selected.

3-5 CKLS Highlights

- 120 minutes of Tier 1 instruction and 30 minutes of intervention
- Evidence based approach to build content knowledge while applying foundation skills

- Block moves students fluidly between reading, writing, speaking and listening, language and grammar, morphology and spelling
- Builds background knowledge
- Emphasis on small groups

6-8 ELA Highlights

- Each grade level features six units focused on a central informational or literacy text presented through media formats
- Students tackle complex text and make observations
- Students grapple with interesting ideas
- Empower students to engage deeply with texts and find relevance for themselves

D. Enrollment Report:

1. PCS has been hard at work continuing on with strategies to prioritize increasing enrollment.
2. PCS hosted a special event to welcome new students and their families into our community. We hosted 72 families with a total of 252 attendees. The evening featured a nacho bar and snow cone truck. This was to help new students establish friendships and families connect with one another.
3. PCS participated as a social sponsor for the Macklind Mile showcasing our school to the community.
4. Starting this month and continuing throughout the school year, PCS will be hosting a series of open houses and tours as part of our ongoing efforts to build and maintain steady enrollment. These events will offer prospective families the opportunity to experience our school culture, meet staff and learn more about our programs and educational opportunities PCS offers.

VII. Future Meetings

NOTED, the next regular meeting of the Premier Charter School Board of Directors will be held on October 17, 2024 at 5279 Fyler Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139.

VIII. Open Forum

None

IX. Executive Session

None

XI. Adjournment

The Premier Charter School Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

ATTEST: The undersigned affirm that the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on the date first written above is a true and accurate recording of the discussion and actions taken by this Board.

Approved:



Mr. Dave Mueller

10/17/24
Dated

Attest:



Ms. Margaret Zamudio
Acting Clerk

10-21-24
Dated

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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October 17, 2024

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 - E. Report of the Family Involvement Chair
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. 23-24 Financial Statement Audit Report & Schedule of Selected Statistics
 - B. Charter Renewal Application
 - C. Revised Board Policy 0311 – Board Organization
 - D. Revised Board Policy and Regulation 1210 – Calendar Requirements – School Year and School Day
 - E. Organizational Structure Update
- VI. FUTURE MEETINGS
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CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Joe Blomker called the meeting to order.

NOTED, that the following directors, representing a quorum of the directors of the school, were present at the meeting: Mr. Joe Blomker, Mrs. Colleen Wilson, Mr. Carr Trovillion, Dr. Kathryn Mitchell-Pierce, Mr. Dave Mueller. Mrs. Cassandra Ray, Mr. Ben Barnes and Mr. Adil Khan.

NOTED, that the following presenting staff of Premier Charter School were present at the meeting: Dr. Julie Frugo and Mr. Andy Vien.

III. Actions

- A. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Joe Blomker called for a review of the meeting's agenda and called for any additions thereto. Agenda was approved as presented.
- B. **Reading and Approval of the September 19, 2024 Board Minutes:** On a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution adopted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on September 19, 2024 was approved and ratified.

IV. Officer Report

- A. **Report of Chair:**

None

B. **Report of Finance Committee Chair:**

Report under New Business

C. **Report of Vice Chair, Education:**

Dr. Kathryn Mitchell-Pierce reported that the committee met Oct 16th to begin work for the year. Three priorities for the school year.

Dashboard

- Create/request a dashboard that allows the Board to easily track high level metrics directly related to our oversight responsibilities.

HOS Evaluation Process

- Use the same or similar dashboard to provide annual and longitudinal data to inform the evaluation process of the HOS position.
- Collaborate with the HOS evaluation group to document the process for annual and long term evaluation of the HOS.

Special Education Focus

- Promote Board learning and review pertinent information related to the opportunities and challenges connected to our students with special needs, with particular attention to our new mathematics and ELA curriculum, implications for staffing, physical resources, enrollment, school culture and budget implications.

D. **Report of Head of School:**

1. Current enrollment is 978 with an average daily attendance of 94%.
2. As part of our strategy to bolster future enrollment, PCS is transitioning to a common application process, which will provide valuable insights into application trends and diversity.
3. Preliminary analysis of MAP testing results shows continued growth in overall proficiency in both ELA and Math, with the largest year over year increases since 21-22. PCS is still continuing to work toward pre pandemic proficiency levels, the data shows positive growth.
4. PCS had an active and successful recruitment and hiring season. PCS welcomed 31 new staff members who were successfully onboard in August. At present, PCS is fully staffed with the exception of a few remaining support and paraprofessional positions. PCS's ability to attract high quality candidates has been a bright spot this school year, contributing to the overall strength of our education team.
5. Professional development at PCS continues to be a cornerstone of our commitment to knowledge and skill growth as well as improved student outcomes. PCS offers a wide range of learning opportunities in addition to side by side coaching, including independent study, self-paced modules, webinars, book studies, peer collaboration, and off site learning experiences. These opportunities are to help with our strategic plans and intentionally

designed. We believe that by fostering a culture of continuous learning our educators are better equipped to inspire and engage their students.

E. **Report of the Family Involvement Chair:**

None

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A. **23-24 Financial Statement Audit Report & Schedule of Selected Statistics:**

Mr. Carr Trovillion reported on the audited financial statements. The finance committee met on October 15, 2024.

The Board of Directors was presented with the audited financial statements for the fiscal year June 30, 2024.

- Audited financial statements, supplemental information, and independent auditors report with accompanying single audit and uniform guidance reports
- Auditors school board governance letter
- Schedule of selected statistics

RESOLVED, that the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 was approved as presented.

B. **Charter Renewal Application:**

UMSL has notified the Board of Directors and the Head of School of their intent to continue to sponsor PCS and support the renewal of its charter by the Missouri State Board of Education for a term that covers the next five years.

RESOLVED, that the charter renewal application for SY-26–SY30 was approved as presented.

C. **Revised Board Policy 0311 – Board Organization:**

The Board of Directors was presented with the revised board policy 0311 board organization for approval.

RESOLVED, that the revised board policy 0311 board organization was approved as presented.

D. **Revised Board Policy and Regulation 1210 – Calendar Requirements School Year Day:**

The Board of Directors was presented with the updated board policy calendar requirements and school year day for approval.

RESOLVED, that the calendar requirements and school year and school day was approved as presented.

E. **Organization Structure Update:**

Dr. Julie Frugo gave a report on the current state of the PCS academic organization chart. This consisted of academic and social and emotion support from administration, teachers, coaches and specialists.

VII. Future Meetings

NOTED, the next regular meeting of the Premier Charter School Board of Directors will be held on December 12, 2024 at 5279 Fyler Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139.

VIII. Open Forum

- A. Ms. Preston addressed the Board about personal concerns about her children. PCS Administration to meet with Ms. Preston to discuss in more detail.

IX. Executive Session

None

XI. Adjournment

The Premier Charter School Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

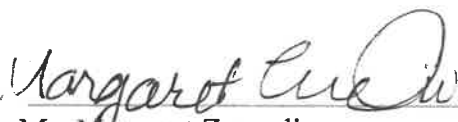
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Approved:


Mr. Dave Mueller

12/12/24
Dated

Attest:


Ms. Margaret Zamudio
Acting Clerk

12-13-24
Dated

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- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. UMSL Annual Review Update and Annual Performance Review Report
 - B. Fall Strategic Plan Educational Outcomes Data Review
 - C. Facilities Update
- VI. FUTURE MEETINGS (Changes if acceptable to all)
Next Board Meeting – **Thursday, January 30, 4:30pm**
No meeting in February. Next meeting April 3, 2025 4:30pm
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NOTED, that the following directors were not present at the meeting: Mr. Ben Barnes.

NOTED, that the following presenting staff of Premier Charter School were present at the meeting: Dr. Julie Frugo and Mr. Andy Vien.

NOTED, that the following presenting staff of UMSL was present at the meeting: Ms. Susan Marino.

III. Actions

A. Review and Approval of Agenda: Mr. Joe Blomker called for a review of the meeting's agenda and called for any additions thereto. Agenda was approved as presented.

B. Reading and Approval of the October 17, 2024 Board Minutes: On a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution adopted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on October 17, 2024 was approved and ratified.

IV. Officer Report

A. Report of Chair:

Mr. Blomker reported that he had the opportunity to participate in a session focused on Building Parent Capacity with Dr Tiffany Anderson who was the superintendent Jennings School District in St. Louis County.

B. Report of Vice Chair, Education:

Dr. Kathryn Mitchell-Pierce reported that the committee met two times this school year. One of the main focuses will be on special education in order to support students. With the help of Dr. Schrimpf the education committee will be creating a dashboard that will track high level metrics related to achievements in a three to five-year span.

C. Report of Finance Committee Chair:

Mr. Carr Trovillion reported on the five-month budget ending November 30, 2024. The result of the five months ending was a surplus of \$564K as compared to a budgeted deficit of \$213K. The budget was provided in board packet.

- PCS began FY24-25 with an enrollment of 978 students.
- We expected a budgeted deficit during the half of the year due to the building E walkway repair project.

Mr. Andy Vien discussed year over year changes concerning the IRS Form 990 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

D. Report of Head of School:

1. Current enrollment is 976 with an average daily attendance of 93%.
2. PCS is taking strategic steps to strengthen and expand student enrollment. PCS is excited to announce a new partnership with Cornerstone Early Literacy Center providing fourteen contracted Pre-k seats through their Hearts and Hands program. This partnership enables us to grow our Pre-k program without the limitations of physical space at our campus.
3. PCS continues to prioritize data driven instruction to enhance student learning. This fall, PCS conducted a deep dive into benchmark assessment data, using the insights to develop action plans aimed at addressing specific areas of need and student progress. Coaches are collaborating on three key areas: Turn and Talk, Accountable Talk and Academic Monitoring. These approaches are designed to increase student engagement, promote critical thinking and provide real time data for interventions.
4. We are continuing to prioritize a driven approach to staff recruitment. Our strong partnership with universities, including SLU, UMSL and Webster remain central to

building our pipeline to talented educators. Our ongoing commitment to attracting high quality educators who are passionate about joining the PCS community.

5. New teachers are receiving tailored coaching and resources to build skills and enhance their instructional practices. PBL continues to be a priority across all grade levels.

E. Report of the Family Involvement Chair:

None

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A. UMSL Annual Review Update and Annual Performance Review Report:

Ms. Susan Marino gave a report on the annual PCS review for SY23-24. PCS overall met most of the 5 five areas which include performance, finance, learning environment, governance, and operations. Ms. Marino mentioned that growth made exceptional progress in overall performance. Ms. Marino reported that PCS had a very good review and will present it to the State Board of Education in February, 2025.

B. Fall Strategic Plan Educational Outcome Data Review:

For the fall 2025 ELA and Math iReady analysis and response:

ELA

Identified and developed 247 individual reading success plans

- Reading specialists provide small group and one on one to lowest 10%
- Highest area of need – phonics at the 2nd and 5th grade level
- New ELA curriculum has much greater emphasis on phonics as part of core curriculum through 2nd grade

MATH

- Math Specialists support 20 students per grade
- K – 5 lowest 10% of students nearing proficiency
- 3rd year of implementation of iReady math
- After year 2, revised pacing guides were created

C. Facility Update:

Mr. Doyle reported on the PCS facility update. Building E walkway was completed in October 2024. Over fall break testing on the lock down and panic buttons were tested and functioned well. PCS recently partnered with the Missouri Department of Conservation and received a grant to help with removal and replanting of trees around the PCS campus.

VII. Future Meetings

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VIII. Open Forum

Ms. Lisa Abrams addressed the Board about concerns with student to teacher classroom ratios in Elementary School.

IX. Executive Session

The Board moved to executive session.

XI. Adjournment

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Approved:

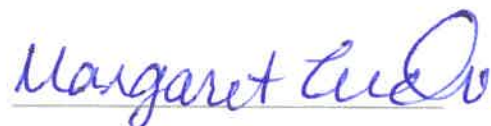


Mr. Dave Mueller
Secretary

1/30/25

Dated

Attest:



Ms. Margaret Zamudio
Acting Clerk

1-30-25

Dated

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 - A. New Board Member Nomination
 - B. iReady 2nd Quarter Performance Data Review
 - C. Admissions Update
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B. Reading and Approval of the December 12, 2024 Board Minutes: On a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution adopted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on December 12, 2024 was approved and ratified.

IV. Officer Report

A. Report of Chair:

1. Mr. Blomker reported that Mr. Ben Barnes a current board of director member had informed him that he would be resigning as a chair member. PCS thanked him for his dedicated service to Premier Charter School as a board member.

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2. Mr. Blomker recently attended an educational forum event and spoke with Mr. Joe Wagner. Mr. Wagner recently visited PCS and was very impressed with our Early Childhood Center.
3. PCS recently received a grant from Emerson for Literacy. Mr. Blomker has been asked by Emerson to participate in their grand opening on Tuesday, February 4th.

B. Report of Vice Chair, Education:

1. Dr. Kathryn Mitchell-Pierce reported the celebration of three accomplishments of recognition for PCS.
2. Emerson recently visited and toured PCS and wrote an impressive response about how much they appreciated and valued what they found during their visit. Connected to their visit was the literacy grant that was awarded to PCS from Emerson.
3. Opportunity Trust at their most recent data meeting mentioned PCS as an example for being a school that was performing above and beyond others in the same category. They also acknowledged part of our success is the longevity of our board chair and leadership team at PCS.
4. St. Louis University Prime Center published a list of schools with MAP data indicating that they are achieving above and beyond their peers with meeting their growth targets from one year to the next. They specially called out PCS and acknowledged our school with recognition of meeting our achievement targets.

C. Report of Finance Committee Chair:

Mr. Carr Trovillion reported on the results of the 6 months ending December 31, 2024 was a surplus of \$672k as compared to a budgeted deficit of \$101k. The budget was provided in board packet.

- PCS began FY24-25 with an enrollment of 978 students with enrollment at the end of the period was 975 students.
- We expect Average Enrollment to stay in the 970's.
- ADA is 92.7 vs 92.5 budgeted.

D. Report of Head of School:

1. Current enrollment is 971 with an average daily attendance of 92.5%.
2. PCS continues to maintain healthy enrollment and strong attendance numbers as we enter the second half of the school year. As we look ahead, PCS is gearing up to amplify student recruitment efforts for the upcoming school year. A series of admissions events are planned over the next few months.
3. PCS is pleased to report significant progress in literacy outcomes based on our winter diagnostic results. There was a sixteen percentage point increase in the number

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of students reading on grade level from fall to winter. This represents a two percentage point improvement compared to the same time last year in ELA.

4. Character Education continues to be a priority as a cornerstone of our mission. PCS is excited for a new professional learning workbook tools to help teachers implement best practices in Character Education.

5. PCS is committed to implementing relationship driven strategies to recruit and retain high quality educators. By partnerships with universities and proactive outreach efforts, we continue to connect with passionate educators who align with our mission and values.

6. PCS remained committed to fostering teacher growth and excellence through coaching cycles of support and job embedded professional learning opportunities. Our professional development strategy emphasizes continuous learning ensuring that all staff have access to real time support to enhance their instructional practices.

E. Report of the Family Involvement Chair:

None

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A. New Board Nomination:

The nominating committee of the Board of Directors at Premier Charter School nominate Mr. Joe Wagner to serve an initial three-year term effective immediately. The initial term will encompass the remainder of the 24-25 school year and the next three full year.

RESOLVED, that Mr. Joe Wagner will serve on the Board of Directors at PCS for a three-year term was approved as presented.

B. iReady 2nd Quarter Performance Data Review:

For December 9, 2024 – December 20, 2024:

- Sixteen percentage point increase in students reading on grade level from fall to winter. Two percentage points ahead of where we were at this point last year in ELA.

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- Black and Hispanic students doubled the percentage of students reading on grade level from fall to winter.
- Ten plus percentage point increases in students testing on grade level in ELA among all special populations, IEP students did show the least growth in ELA.
- Slightly behind where we were last year at this point in math.
- Significant growth in math among all student's populations, still lower percentages of students testing on grade level.
- Identified several outlier classes that will benefit from additional support.
- Winter data impacted by fifteen percent of students who did not make growth on iReady from fall to the spring.

C. Admissions Update:

- YTD we are 43 applications or 17% below where we were last school year.
- Prek and Kg applications are strong.
- Paid advertising efforts began in January, 2023.

26-26 Key Dates for Admission:

- February 1st 10 am – 2 pm School Saturday with All Common App Schools.
- February 14th 9 am – 11 am PCS school wide open house.
- March 1st deadline to submit applications.
- March 7th families will receive admission offers.
- April 25th 2 pm – 3 pm PCS school wide open house
- Applications can still be accepted post March 1, 2025 and rolling lotteries will begin after March 15, 2025.

VII. Future Meetings

NOTED, the next regular meeting of the Premier Charter School Board of Directors will be held on April 3, 2025 at 5279 Fyler Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139.

VIII. Open Forum

None

IX. Executive Session

The Board moved to executive session.

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January 30, 2025

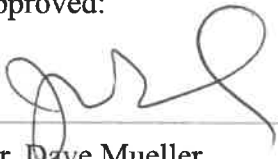
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XI. Adjournment

The Premier Charter School Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

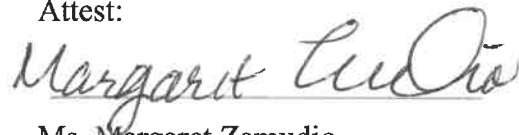
ATTEST: The undersigned affirm that the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on the date first written above is a true and accurate recording of the discussion and actions taken by this Board.

Approved:


f Mr. Dave Mueller

4/3/25
Dated

Attest:


Ms. Margaret Zamudio
Acting Clerk

4-3-25
Dated

PREMIER CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Agenda

April 3, 2025 - 4:00PM

- I. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA
- II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING
- III. OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Report of the Chair
 - B. Report of the Vice Chair, Educational Outcomes
 - C. Report of the Vice Chair, Finance
 - D. Report of the Head of School
 - E. Report of the Family Involvement Chair
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Federal Funding Review
 - B. Admissions Update
 - C. FY25-26 School Calendar
 - D. FY25-26 Initial Budget
 - E. Revised Board Policy and Regulation 5500 – Food Services
 - F. Strategic Plan Educational Outcomes Data Review
- VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

Next regular Board Meeting, May 8, 2025 4:00pm.
- VII. OPEN FORUM
 - A. Presenters are required to sign the open forum log prior to the meeting being called to order.
 - B. Each presenter will have 2 minutes to address the Board
 - C. Presenters will be expected to follow the Rules of Order.
- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING)
 - A. Call for closed session
 - B. Remove all non-board personnel and move meeting to closed quarters.
- IX. RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Actions required to come before General Session
- X. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PREMIER CHARTER SCHOOL

April 3, 2025

4:30 pm

I. Recitation of Authority

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Premier Charter School was held on April 3, 2025 at 4:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Conference room located at 5279 Fyler Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139, pursuant to the by-laws of the School.

II. Attendance and Quorum

The Chair stated that the first order of business was to call the meeting to order, and to determine whether a quorum of directors of the school were present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Joe Blomker called the meeting to order.

NOTED, that the following directors, representing a quorum of the directors of the school, were present at the meeting: Mr. Joe Blomker, Mrs. Colleen Wilson, Mr. Carr Trovillion, Dr. Kathryn Mitchell-Pierce, Mrs. Cassandra Ray, Mr. Dave Mueller, Mr. Adil Khan, Mr. Derrick Brooks, and Mr. Joe Wagner.

NOTED, that the following presenting staff of Premier Charter School were present at the meeting: Dr. Julie Frugo and Mr. Andy Vien.

III. Actions

A. Review and Approval of Agenda: Mr. Joe Blomker called for a review of the meeting's agenda and called for any additions thereto. Agenda was approved as presented.

B. Reading and Approval of the January 30, 2025 Board Minutes: On a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution adopted with one correction, date amended from October 17, 2024 to January 30, 2025.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on January 30, 2025 approved and ratified.

IV. Officer Report

A. Report of Chair:

1. Mr. Blomker reported that he has been asked to serve on the Governor of Missouri's task force for modernization of the foundation formula. The focus is making improvements in grades K-12 that is also a high priority for the Governor and the Speaker of the House, Jon Patterson.

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B. Report of Vice Chair, Education:

1. Dr. Kathryn Mitchell-Pierce reported that the education advisory met in March. The focus of this meeting was to look at the intersection of the new mathematic curriculum serving the needs of all students in particular identifying students receiving services through special education.
2. Acknowledgement was made for those at PCS who participated in Developing Resilience in St. Louis and Children's & Family Conference at SLU on Tuesday and presented work that has been done at PCS on the social and emotional learning for all students.

C. Report of Finance Committee Chair:

Mr. Carr Trovillion reported that the finance committee met in March to review the preliminary budget for next fiscal year 25-26 starting July 1st. FY24-25 year-to-date financial packet was presented in board packet for review and covered under New Business.

D. Report of Head of School:

1. Current enrollment is 969 with an average daily attendance of 92%.
2. PCS continues to maintain healthy enrollment and strong attendance numbers as we enter the last part of the school year. PCS is also excited to report strong momentum following our first lottery round with 266 admission offers were extended to families, and 153 students have already accepted and completed their registration to the PCS community.
3. As part of the ongoing commitment to accelerating student achievement, we have been actively working to secure high dosage tutoring support. Tutoring services will target students who are on the cusp of proficiency in literacy as well as those requiring interventions.
4. PCS is currently hiring for 8 open positions and are encouraged by the strong candidate pool we've seen so far. PCS recruitment strategy remains focused on high impact networking, including participation in university recruitment events, community based outreach, and hosting on site events at PCS. PCS is confident in our ability to attract high quality mission aligned educators to support our students and school community.
5. PCS is committed to implementing relationship driven strategies to recruit and retain high quality educators. By partnerships with universities and proactive outreach efforts, we continue to connect with passionate educators who align with our mission and values.

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6. PCS continues to prioritize high impact professional learning aligned to our instructional vision. PCS is excited to offer several upcoming sessions focused on Project Based Learning, supporting continued growth in instructional design and student engagement across all grade levels.

E. Report of the Family Involvement Chair:

None

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A. Federal Funding Review:

PCS's Federal Fund Streams can be broken down into three main categories:

- USDA food service program
- Title programs
- Special Education

PCS does not participate in any unique funding programs that we believe are currently at risk of material reductions in funding. PCS will continue to closely monitor and assess developments related to federal funding programs.

B. Admissions Update:

1. Year to date PCS is 95 applications or 27% above where we were last year. SchoolAppSTL had a large paid campaign in February 2025. PCS paid ad and digital marketing efforts began in January 2023.

2. 25-26 Admissions – Key Dates:

- March 1st – Deadline to submit applications
- March 7th – Families will receive admissions offers
- March 24th – Deadline for families to select one school
- March 29th – 2nd lottery occurred
- April 25th – PCS School Wide Open House 2 – 3 pm
- May 15th – New Family Welcome Night 6 – 7:30 pm

C. FY 25-26 School Calendar:

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PCS administration presented the proposed calendar for the 2025-2026 school year and requests approval Draft for Board Approval

RESOLVED, that the FY 25-26 School Calendar was approved as presented.

D. FY 25-26 Initial Budget:

Mr. Andy Vien spoke on behalf of the finance committee and presented to the board 25-26 initial budget. Items discussed were compensation adjustment information, Metro St. Louis compensation benchmarking analysis, 25-26 proposed salary pool, 25-26 budget projections.

RESOLVED, that the Initial Budget for the year ending June 30, 2026 was approved as presented.

E. Revised Board Policy and Regulation 5500 – Food Services:

Revised regulation Food Service Program Meal Programs 5550, Food Safety 5540 and Competitive Food Sales 5530 were presented in board packet for review.

RESOLVED, that Food Service Program 5550, 5540 and Support Services 5530 were approved as presented.

F. Strategic Plan Educational Outcomes Data Review:

Dr. Schrimpf presented to the board on the academic progress update:

Winter Proficiency Projections ELA

- No growth 32%
- Typical growth 37%
- Stretch growth 44%
- 2024 MAP 35

Winter Proficiency Projections ELA

- No growth 17%
- Typical growth 28%
- Stretch growth 35%
- 2024 MAP 27.3%

Tracking growth between diagnostics:

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- High correlation between students' iReady instruction lesson pass rate and meeting stretch growth goals
- ELA plus four percentage points since winter diagnostic, Math plus two percentage points

VII. Future Meetings

NOTED, the next regular meeting of the Premier Charter School Board of Directors will be held on May 8, 2025 4:00pm at 5279 Fyler Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139.

VIII. Open Forum

Mrs. Amber Murphy addressed the Board about concerns with student to teacher classroom ratios in Elementary School, teacher retention, and Opportunity Trust.

IX. Executive Session

None

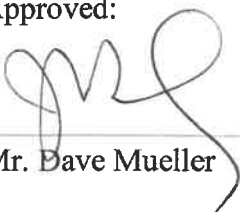
IX. Executive Session

XI. Adjournment

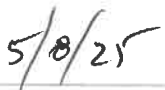
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Approved:

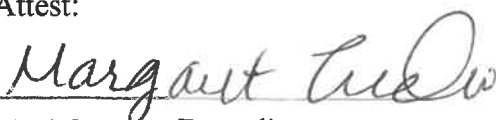


Mr. Dave Mueller



Dated

Attest:



Ms. Margaret Zamudio
Acting Clerk



Dated

PREMIER CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Agenda

May 8, 2025 - 4:00PM

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 - C. Report of the Vice Chair, Finance
 - D. Report of the Head of School
 - E. Report of the Family Involvement Chair
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. UMSL Charter Contract
 - B. Board Meeting Schedule & Roster
 - C. Educational Outcomes Data
- VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

Next regular Board Meeting, September 18, 2025 4:00pm.
- VII. OPEN FORUM
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- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING)
 - A. Call for closed session
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- IX. RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Actions required to come before General Session
- X. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PREMIER CHARTER SCHOOL

May 8, 2025

4:00 pm 

I. Recitation of Authority

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Premier Charter School was held on May 8, 2025 at 4:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Building C Conference room located at 5279 Fyler Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139, pursuant to the by-laws of the School.

II. Attendance and Quorum

The Chair stated that the first order of business was to call the meeting to order, and to determine whether a quorum of directors of the school were present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Joe Blomker called the meeting to order.

NOTED, that the following directors, representing a quorum of the directors of the school, were present at the meeting: Mr. Joe Blomker, Mrs. Colleen Wilson, Mr. Carr Trovillion, Dr. Kathryn Mitchell-Pierce, Mrs. Cassandra Ray, Mr. Dave Mueller, Mr. Adil Khan, Mr. Derrick Brooks, Mr. Joe Wagner and Mr. Peter Finley.

NOTED, that the following presenting staff of Premier Charter School were present at the meeting: Dr. Julie Frugo and Mr. Andy Vien.

NOTED, that the following UMSL representative was present at the meeting: Mr. Adam Cole.

III. Actions

A. Review and Approval of Agenda: Mr. Joe Blomker called for a review of the meeting's agenda and called for any additions thereto. Agenda was approved as presented.

B. Reading and Approval of the April 3, 2025 Board Minutes:

On a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution adopted.

C. RESOLVED that the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 3, 2025 approved and ratified.

IV. Officer Report

A. Report of Chair:

1. Mr. Blomker reported that Opportunity Trust hosted their board meeting at PCS. This gave PCS an opportunity to give Opportunity Trust a tour of our campus. Mrs. Dana Leesman gave a presentation along with PCS academic coaches. The

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presentation shared some of the impacts of coaching and the progress it has provided at PCS.

B. Report of Vice Chair, Education:

None

C. Report of Finance Committee Chair:

1. Mr. Carr Trovillion presented the FY24-25 Budget vs. Actual financial results for the quarter ending March 31, 2025, and the monthly cash disbursements register report for months of January, February, and March 2025.
2. The Initial Capital Expenditures Budget for FY25-26 was also included in the financial reporting packet and presented.

RESOLVED, that the Initial Capital Expenditures Budget for FY25-26 was approved as presented.

D. Report of Head of School:

1. Current enrollment is 969 with an average daily attendance of 92%.
2. PCS is on track to meet its enrollment targets for the 25-26 school year, with strong indicators of retention and interest from new families. Our enrollment goal across grades PK-8 is 1,085 and we are currently at an estimated total enrollment of 1,010. This includes completed new student registrations and an additional nine pending for a total of 189 new students anticipated.
3. PCS continues to strengthen its data informed instructional practices to drive student growth and improve academic outcomes. A key focus this year has been the use of iReady MyPath metrics lesson completion, pass rates, and overall scores to monitor student progress between diagnostic assessments.
4. PCS continues to make progress in advancing its character education work, with a strong focus on building school wide culture rooted respect, responsibility, and caring. This school year marked the launch of the Character Collective, team of staff leaders tasked with championing PCS's core values and the 11 Principals of Character Education across all grade levels.
5. Teacher and staff recruitment has entered peak hiring season with strong momentum. Staff networking and our internal referral program remain our most effective hiring tools, helping us recruit mission aligned educators and support staff.
6. PCS recently hosted its annual Share the Wealth PD Day. This event showcases the collective expertise, creativity, and leadership of our teaching staff. Notable, our 3 year cohorts presented action research projects developed over the course of the year, offering

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peer driven insights into classroom practice and student engagement. This day also emphasized educator wellness and community, reinforcing our commitment to professional growth and whole staff development. The event continues to be a powerful reflection of our culture and continuous improvement and shared leadership.

E. Report of the Family Involvement Chair:

None

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A. UMSL Charter Contract:

The annual UMSL review and performance report was included in board packet and reviewed.

RESOLVED, that the UMSL review and contract was approved as presented.

B. Board Meeting Schedule and Roster:

1. It is being proposed to the board and presented in board packet that lists each board member, each boards member's current or proposed new term, that board officers, the board's committee members and areas of expertise for each board member.
2. An updated board calendar was presented for approval with a proposed start time of 4 pm.

RESOLVED, that the board roster and board schedule were approved as presented.

C. Strategic Plan Educational Outcomes Data:

Dr. Schrimpf presented to the board on the academic progress update.

VII. Future Meetings

NOTED, the next regular meeting of the Premier Charter School Board of Directors will be held on September 18, 2025 at 5279 Fyler Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139.

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VIII. Open Forum

None

IX. Executive Session

Moved to executive session.

XI. Adjournment

The Premier Charter School Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

ATTEST: The undersigned affirm that the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on the date first written above is a true and accurate recording of the discussion and actions taken by this Board.

Approved:


Mr. Dave Mueller

5/18/25
Dated

Attest:


Ms. Margaret Zamudio
Acting Clerk

5-18-25
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