

## **Minutes Governing Board of Putnam Academy of Arts and Sciences January 19, 2023**

**Present:** Jay Browning, Shirley Davis, Principal Curtis Ellis, Sharon Hughes, Diana Latta, Elisabeth Virnstein, Chair Jarvis Wright. **Absent:** Lindsey Motl, Amy Ricks, Julia Warwick.

**Public Comment:** Sharon Merwin reminded Board members how hard all teachers were working to meet standards. She asked that the Board consider dropping PAAS from the District Teacher of the Year/Support Staff of the Year process.

Curtis suggested we consider the Consortium's recognition program as well as our own. Sharon Hughes asked Mrs. Merwin to write up a process for creating our own recognition system.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting was made by Sharon Hughes and seconded by Diana Latta. The motion was passed unanimously. A motion to accept the Financial Statements for November was made by Sharon Hughes and seconded by Diana Latta. The motion was passed unanimously. Sharon Hughes asked whether reimbursement funds had been received but as yet they have not.

**Discussion:** Curtis Ellis gave the Principal's Report. Our enrollment stands at 173. 13 students had 3 or more absences, but there were no discipline referrals for 12/19-1/18.

FAST tests will be given 1/18-19 and 1/20-23. Read 180 and Math 180 are working well. For those students with an IEP or 504, ELA scores went up 72% and math scores 79%.

On February 14, Curtis will present the SIP to the District Board. Our school grade will remain the same for 2 years, as the state transitions to a new testing system.

School times for 2023-24 will change to accommodate District transportation needs; our times will correspond to Palatka High's times. Parent pickup will be asked to wait until buses have left. These changes may help parents with children in both schools.

There is an applicant for a position on the Board. Curtis will ask her to attend the next meeting.

The Data Clerk position will be filled by Mrs. Hunt and a new teacher hired to take her place.

### **Action Items:**

1. The Board accepted that approval for leave for faculty members had been given previously by email.
2. The motion to accept a new salary scale for Data Clerks was made by Sharon Hughes and seconded by Diana Latta. There was no discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.
3. The motion to adopt HB 1557 was made by Sharon Hughes and seconded by Shirley Davis. There was no discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Board Comment:** There was no Board comment.

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

The next meeting will be February 16, 2023, at 4:45 PM at the school.