PCA Finance Committee Minutes
April 17, 2014

Present: Audrey Erschen, Shanna Simmens, Danielle Moore, Bill Benz, John Carwell, Chris Senato

- We finally received our State funding. All of our unrestricted revenue has met or exceeded our approved budget, with the exception of Food Service.
- Expenses: Benchmark=75%.
    - Salaries: 68%.
    - OEC: 68%.
    - Subtotal Personnel: 68%.
    - Student Support: 79%, mostly due to computer services (shouldn't be spending any more) and SRO (paid out for the year.)
    - Operations & Maintenance: 66%.
    - Administrative Support: 83%--notable expense was ticket purchase for 2 Board members for National Charter Schools Conference in Las Vegas.
    - Other notable expense for Ad. Support was printing and binding the parent/ student handbook to be given out over the summer.
    - Professional Services: 83%--due to audit/ corporate filing fees. Shouldn't be paying out much more for this.
    - Total operating budget: 69% (running $369,229.71 under budget)
- We're still considering whether we should renew the School Resource Officer (SRO) contract for the following school year. PCA currently has 2 interventionists on-staff, so there is discussion about using the $20k toward a different position. More on this as we near a concrete decision.
- The security equipment we'd purchased through HS grant money needs to be enhanced/ upgraded. We contacted DE Electric Signal to perform a walkthrough and scope out motion sensors for active monitoring. They're submitting a proposal for LR motion detectors, inside sirens, etc.
- The possibility of panic buttons and where to install was also discussed. No final decision made.
- We're also considering a loudspeaker system to reach outside, as well as additional radio channels.
- The REACH system is a statewide emergency network system that can alert schools and parents instantly of any emergencies. PCA is a part of REACH; however, it doesn't seem that every other State agency is utilizing it, particularly the police departments. This needs to be addressed very quickly.