



*PiM Arts High School Mission: Artistic Excellence and Academic Rigor for Every Learner*

PiM Arts High School Board Agenda, Sep 24, 2024 5:00 PM

PiM Arts High School Room 118

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**Call to order:**

***Present:*** Pamela Balabuszko-Reay, Paul Johnson, Aaron Kvale, Ann Williams, Emily Weber, James Petry, Areba Bennett, Buck Campbell

***Absent:*** Danielle Ricci

**Consent Agenda Items**

- Adoption of Tonight's Agenda
- Approve **August** Minutes

**Motion to approve:** Balabuszko-Reay, second Johnson

**Affirmative:** Unanimous

**Community Feedback/Director Report**

- Public Comment
- Executive Update - Matt McFarlane, Executive Director
  - Strong start to the school year; climate, culture, and energy in the building is positive. Initial parent feedback has been positive.
  - Initial student numbers are around 359, which is lower than the past few years. This is below our budget ADM of 365, but is manageable.
    - The freshman class is exceptionally small at 53 students. PiM should do what is necessary to prevent this downturn from becoming a trend.
      - Outreach events planned for this year include the PiM Pop-up at the Eden Prairie Center and events focused on current middle school students.
      - Would like to see ADM's increase rather than decrease over the course of 2024-25
  - A series of articles published in the Star Tribune recently provided a one-sided and critical perspective on charter schools in Minnesota, despite a large body of interviews conducted

with charter school advocates and administrators for these interviews. PiM co-wrote a response with Paladin Career and Tech School and Eagle Ridge Academy that was published 9/24 defending the success record of those three schools.

- Annual report is due to authorizer at 10/4 and will be shared with the PiM Board at the next Board meeting

### **Board Community Building/Orientation**

- Board Introductions
- Board Orientation, Data Privacy, Open Meeting Law
- [PiM Strategic Plan 2023-2027](#)

### **Committee Reports**

- Finance Committee
  - [August Dashboard](#)
  - [August Financials](#)

Board Action- Approve **August** Transactions

**Motion to approve:** Johnson, seconded by Petry

**Discussion:** Kvale-The wrong person was paid for Dialect Coach work for *Alice by Heart* (see Voucher # 22157).

Executive Director MacFarlane- This can be fixed later without impacting approval of transactions.

**Affirmative:** Unanimous

- HR/Governance Committee, Paul Johnson, Chair
  - [522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy Update](#)

Board Action - approve updated Policy 522

**Motion to approve:** Kvale, second Johnson

**Affirmative:** Unanimous

- Policies for future meetings
  - Student Journalism
  - Library Materials
  - Staff/Student Contact outside school day
  - Cell Phone Policy

### **Other Business**

- Staff Training
- Next Meeting - **Tuesday, November 14, 2024**

**Adjourned at 6:28 PM**