



## Minutes

September 12, 2021

**Welcome** – Debbie Clary, Chair called the teleconference meeting to order at 1PM.

**\*\*Notification of the teleconference meeting was advertised on the Pinnacle Classical Academy website and notification was posted on the front doors of the school building.**

*In attendance: Debbie Clary, Dr. Shelly Bullard, Jeff Zeigler, Dr. Becky Sain, Angela Brooks, Jayson Philbeck, Betsy Harnage, Dr. Pauline Cahill, and Phyllis Nowlen were in attendance.*

**Conflict of Interest Statement** In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. If any board member has any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the board today, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict at this time, and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

**Adoption of Agenda** with agenda modification adding a presentation from USDA Area Specialist Nick Lattanzi regarding PCA's facility loan. Motion made by Betsy Harnage and 2nd by Dr. Becky Sain. All Approved.

**Approval of Minutes** Dr. Becky Sain made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2021 Meeting, Betsy Harnage seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by the board.

**Public Comments** Persons wishing to appear before the Board during this portion of the meeting should register their name and the subject they wish to address with the Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting. Each presentation will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Board is interested in hearing your concerns, yet speakers should not expect comment, action, or deliberation on subject matter brought up during the public comment segment. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate board committee. **No one from the public was in attendance.**

### **USDA Facility Loan**

Debbie Clary recognized USDA Area Specialist Nick Lattanzi to present the facility loan. Mr. Lattanzi advised Pinnacle Classical Academy has been approved for the \$15MM facility loan and reviewed to the Board the loan terms and conditions.

**Approval of USDA Facility Loan** Jayson Philbeck made a motion to to accept the conditions of the loan as presented by USDA Area Specialist Nick Lattanzi, Dr. Becky Sain seconded the motion, and was unanimously approved by the board.

## **Administration Reports**

### **Dean of Elementary Education Report to the Board of Directors by Mrs. Wendy Clary**

#### **Action Items:**

- None

#### **New Hires for K-3**

- Neely Hill -Kindergarten teacher
- Amber Alexander-Kindergarten TA

#### **K-3 Media Center**

- The remaining library furniture is expected on 9/8. (This is the book shelves primarily.)
- Mrs. Kaylor has been working diligently in setting up the circulation desk/process for the K-3 campus.
- The K-3 media should be ready for book check out by 9/20.

#### **Testing**

- BOG testing took place on 9/1.
  - Only 3rd graders are involved in the BOG.
  - Makeups will be 9/9. We have 15 students to complete the makeup.
  - This BOY data establishes a baseline for our students.
- iReady Diagnostic #1 testing window is open. Students are working to complete this diagnostic so teachers can share at conference time.

#### **Community Support**

- Each year Hope Community Church uses their Sunday morning service on Labor Day Weekend to do volunteer projects around our community.
  - A representative reached out to see if their team could help with anything to benefit our school.
  - A team came and worked on September 5th from roughly 10am to 12pm. We are very thankful for what they do to serve our community and to impact our kids through their service.
  - The team worked on the following: greenhouse clean up-(pressure washed the outside, pulled weeds inside), picked up limbs on the walking track, pruned blueberry bushes.



- Ms. Scism, our STEM teacher for K-5, helped coordinate this project as well as donating her physical labors. A big thank you for doing this.

**PINNACLE  
CLASSICAL ACADEMY**

**Professional Learning Communities**

- Miss McGinnis has started meeting with each grade level on Wednesdays.
  - Topics covered to date: NC Standards and Unpacking Documents, Teacher Portal, Google Classroom setup.

**Beginning Teachers Program**

- All of our beginning teachers have been assigned a mentor.
  - The first topic that will be covered with our BTs is Parent/Teacher Conferences.

**4-12 Report to the Board of Directors**

**Presented by  
Mrs. Angela Brooks**

**Action Items:**

- None at this time

**Goals for the 2021-22 School Year:**

- We have set three goals for the 2021-22 school year and have outlined them for the staff. Each big task we set in motion this year we would like to make sure it meets one of these three goals. This will keep us focused on the mission of Pinnacle Classical Academy. The three goals are as follows:
  - Increase student proficiency to 85% as a school as well as increase student growth.
  - Increase PCA pride
  - Create a positive school culture.

**Curriculum and Academics:**

- We are very excited about our EOG and EOC data for the 2020-21 school year. In comparison to the county and state we did exceptionally well. We did take a slight dip last year that we plan to correct this school year. Mr. Ziegler has provided a comparison of PCA to the state and county.
- T.K. Coleman came on Friday, August 27th as a representative from FEE to kick-off our character traits videos. The students hung onto every word and his presentation has led to several discussions in classes, lunch, and in general. The students were very receptive to his presentation and we are excited to see how this helps catapult our character education lessons each month.
- Extracurricular activities have started. We are in the process of beginning several new clubs and continuing with many we have had for several years. Clubs and other student led organizations will make the students feel connected to Pinnacle. This is also a great opportunity for students to develop leadership, communication, and organizational skills.

## Professional Development:

- PLC's are meeting regularly for all of grades 4, 5, Middle School, and High School. We are currently using this time to relay important information about school opening, expectations, lesson planning, COVID protocols, etc. We have also started looking at school, grade level, and individual data. Mrs. Richardson is leading the 4th and 5th grade PLCs and I am leading the middle school and high school meetings.
- Tech Talk Tuesdays are starting on September 14th. Joseph Hurdt and Steve Putnam will be offering several virtual meetings to teachers to problem solve and explore new ways to use technology in their classroom. The following dates are scheduled for the 2021-22 school year: Sept 14, Oct 26, Nov 16, Jan 25, Feb 22, and Mar 22. The first tech talk will be on how to use DyKnow properly in the classroom.

## Extracurricular and Events

- **Special Awards and Recognitions:**
  - Every fall, the Advanced Placement program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP Exams. PCA had several students who earned a distinction as listed below. We are very proud and excited for these students.
    - **AP Scholar** - Students who have achieved a score of 3 or higher on at least 3 AP exams.
      - Ben Caunt
      - Samantha Davis
      - Gabriel Frye
      - Kevin Gomez
      - Katie Johnson
      - Robert Stockham
    - **AP Scholar with Honors** - Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, **and** scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.
      - Olivia Poston
- **Senior Activities**
  - The scholarship committee met over the summer and has already started making contacts for the senior class to increase the amount of local scholarship money offered for the 2021-22 school year. If you know of anyone who would be interested in contributing please let me know and I will be happy to reach out to them. Our goal for local scholarship money this year is \$30,000.
  - Mr. Ziegler and I have met and have the following proposal for senior events for the 2021-22 school year. We were able to kick this year's events off with a senior breakfast on the first day of school. The student's seemed very appreciative and commented that they had been waiting for this special treatment.

## Senior Events for 2021-2022

Month	Event
August 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8/18 Sunrise Breakfast: 7:30 - PCA to provide</li> <li>● 8/27 upstairs media center lunch with T.K. Coleman</li> </ul>
September 2021	<p>Dr. Martin: lunch visits to senior homerooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9/20 Senior Cap and Gown Orders</li> <li>● 9/21 upstairs media center lunch, Gardner-Webb: PCA provides lunch</li> <li>● 9/29 CFNC financial aid night (virtual)</li> <li>● 9/30 upstairs media center lunch, Montreat College: students bring lunch</li> </ul>
October 2021	<p>Dr. Martin: lunch visits to senior homerooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10/7 senior lunch (students bring lunch): Anderson University</li> <li>● 10/13: Prep for College Week during 2nd period (PSAT), Mrs. Stockham may be willing to assist.</li> <li>● 10/18-10/22 - College Week</li> <li>● 10/19: College Application Day</li> <li>● 10/20 senior lunch (PCA provides): discuss senior project</li> </ul>
November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 11/5 upstairs media center lunch, Thales College: students bring lunch</li> <li>● 11/8 upstairs media center lunch, David Bobb: PCA provides lunch</li> <li>● 11/22 college applications / college day</li> </ul>
December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12/8 senior lunch (homerooms): PCA provides lunch</li> </ul>
January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Homecoming TBD</li> <li>● College Acceptances - sweatshirts</li> <li>● 1/12 senior scholarship day, lunch</li> <li>● 1/31 upstairs media center lunch, Lily Tang Williams: PCA provides lunch</li> </ul>
February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Latin class motto: nomination, vote</li> <li>● finalize senior project</li> <li>● 2/12 senior lunch</li> </ul>
March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3/17 senior lunch</li> <li>● Send out information about senior baskets</li> </ul>
April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Seniors elect Senior Speaker</li> <li>● 4/1 Senior Signs in Yards</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4/13 senior lunch</li> </ul>
May 2022	<p>senior week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5/23 Seniors will have a pizza lunch from Jammin J's and will have gift baskets presented to you from the PCA family.</li> <li>● 5/24 Seniors will go to the Lyceum and have time to sign Yearbooks and have Popcorn after exams.</li> <li>● 5/25 Senior Project Day</li> <li>● 5/26 Senior Picnic, followed by Senior Speaker. Seniors will have a picnic lunch from Dairy Queen. Seniors will also receive a bag of cotton candy and candy apple from the vendor Fat and Sassy. All of this will be provided at no cost from the school. If you would like additional refreshments, lemonade, funnel cakes, etc. Please bring money for that.</li> <li>● 5/27 We will have a Senior Breakfast in the Upstairs Media Center. It is being catered by Shelby Cafe. This will be our last meal together as one big group so please be sure to attend.</li> </ul>
June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 6/3 9:00 AM graduation practice</li> <li>● 6/3 awards night 7:00</li> <li>● 6/4 graduation 7:00</li> </ul>

EOG and EOC Scores (2020-21)  
 A Report to the Board of Directors of Pinnacle Classical Academy  
 September 1, 2021

On September 1, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction released 2020-21 School Assessment Data.<sup>1</sup> Here is a summary of the results for Pinnacle Classical Academy, Cleveland County Schools, and the State of North Carolina (percent of students scoring at or above Achievement Level 3: grade level proficient).

Category	Pinnacle Classical Academy	Cleveland County Schools	State of North Carolina
Combined Test Results: All Students	70.6%	48.4%	45.4%
Grade 3 Reading	65.3%	48.0%	45.2%
Grade 4 Reading	75.8%	44.1%	45.1%
Grade 5 Reading	58.2%	39.0%	42.4%
Grade 6 Reading	69.1%	48.5%	45.3%
Grade 7 Reading	78.0%	48.8%	46.7%
Grade 8 Reading	71.9%	51.8%	48.2%
Grade 3 Math	68.4%	54.6%	44.5%
Grade 4 Math	69.5%	44.0%	37.8%
Grade 5 Math	59.3%	43.5%	42.0%
Grade 6 Math	76.6%	48.7%	40.6%
Grade 7 Math	81.7%	48.5%	42.5%
Grade 8 Math	66.7%	36.0%	32.7%
Grade 5 Science	82.4%	53.9%	53.9%
Grade 8 Science	86.0%	71.9%	70.3%

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/2020-21-school-assessment-and-other-indicator-data>

NC Math 1 (9-12)	NA	32.7%	25.1%
NC Math 3 (9-12)	51.9%	44.2%	44.6%
Biology	59.6%	48.7%	45.6%
English II	86.0%	58.9%	58.5%

Combined Test Results: All Students

- Pinnacle Classical Academy: 70.6%
- Lincoln Charter School: 67.6%
- Piedmont Community Charter School: 55.2%
- Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy: 76.2%

Classical Foundations Program (CFP) Update  
September 1, 2021

1. T. K. Coleman of the Foundation for Economic Education has finished producing videos related to the school’s ten values. The first video (on honesty) was shown on August 27. Later that day, he gave a talk to high school students that was incredibly well received.
2. Professor Antony Davies (Duquesne University) and Professor James Harrigan (University of Arizona) will speak to high school students on the afternoon of Thursday, October 14.
3. David Higham Associates, which holds the copyright to Dorothy Sayers’s works, has granted us permission to reprint *Lost Tools of Learning*, the essay on which our charter is based, and the Ayn Rand Institute has done the same for *Teaching Johnny to Think*. As of September 1, Wes Westmoreland and Jeff Ziegler have (almost) completed drafting an introduction to a book in which *Lost Tools of Learning* and *Teaching Johnny to Think* will be reprinted. The book will be published in time for the Classical Liberals in the Carolinas 2021 Annual Conference.
4. On October 14-16, the Classical Liberals in the Carolinas 2021 Annual Conference will take place in Shelby. Some events will take place at Pinnacle Classical Academy. The topic of the conference is “A Free Market Approach to Education”; Jeff Ziegler will take part in a panel discussion devoted to K-12 school choice. For conference details, please see <http://www.classicalliberals.org/conferences/>
5. The Classical Foundations Program advisory board will meet virtually on Friday,



September 17, at 4:00 PM.

6. David Bobb (Bill of Rights Institute) and Lily Tang Williams (Victims of Communism Foundation) were scheduled to be our principal lecturers this year. The lectures have been rescheduled for **November 8, 2021** (Dr. Bobb) and **January 31, 2022** (Ms. Williams).
7. Mr. Robert Luddy has agreed to be our 2022 graduation speaker on **Saturday, June 4, 2022**. His biography:

<https://www.johnlocke.org/person/robert-l-luddy/>

Robert L. Luddy is a business and educational entrepreneur. A graduate of LaSalle University and a U.S. Army veteran, Luddy purchased a sheet metal shop in 1981 and transformed it into CaptiveAire Systems, leading manufacturer of commercial kitchen ventilation systems in North America. Today, CaptiveAire employs over 1000 employees, with 90 sales offices nationwide and sales over \$300 million in 2015. However, Bob Luddy is more than just a businessman, he is a champion for children's education and a school choice advocate.

In 1998, Bob established Franklin Academy, a public charter school in Wake Forest, which now serves over 1,200 K-12 students. In 2001, Bob founded St. Thomas More Academy, a private Catholic college preparatory high school in Raleigh. In 2007, Bob opened Thales Academy, a growing chain of independent Pre-K-12 schools offering high-quality education at an affordable tuition. The Luddy Schools are quickly growing, with nearly 3,000 students enrolled throughout the Raleigh area.

## **Headmaster Report to the Board of Directors Presented by Dr. Shelly Bullard**

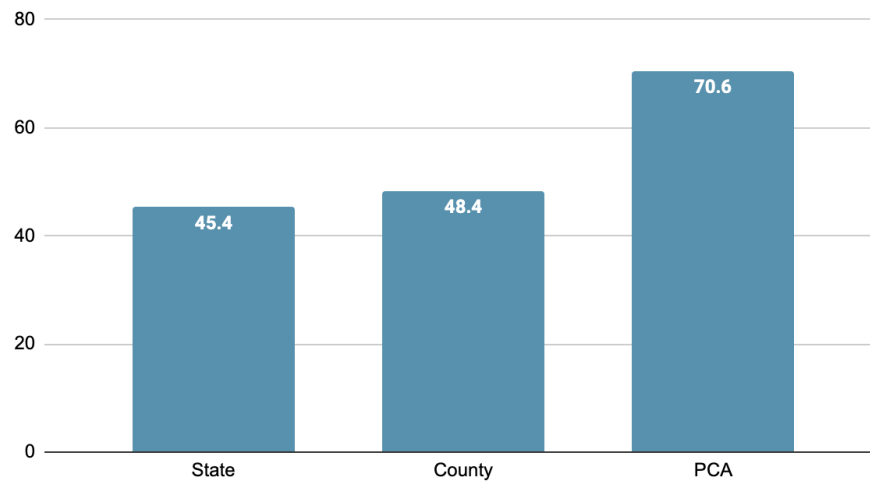
### **Action Items:**

- None

### **Curriculum and Academics:**

- **Goals for the year**
  - Increase Student Growth and Achievement - 85% proficiency as a school
  - Increase PCA Pride
  - Create a Positive School Culture
- **Testing Results Celebration**
  - We met with the entire staff to celebrate our EOG/EOC scores. In comparison to the county and state we did exceptionally well and are incredibly proud of our results.

## Overall Scores



- **iReady**

- K-8 students are taking the Beginning of Year iReady diagnostic. We will use these results in our PLC meetings to drive our instruction for the upcoming months.

- **Professional Development**

- PLCs are up and running across all grade levels. We are continuing to focus on school, teacher and student data in these meetings.
- Individual teacher meetings will be held to discuss teacher growth and proficiency goals. I strongly believe this makes a valuable impact on the instruction and see commitment that we see from our teachers.

### Testing:

- We are celebrating our successes last year and working toward our goal of 85% proficiency this year. We are already in full swing. We have given the BOG to our 3rd graders and all of our students are working on their iReady diagnostics. We are also working to screen and place any ELL students we may have. In October, we will be taking our first round of NC Check-Ins. Our high school students and 8th graders will be taking the PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and PSAT.

### EC:

- At the end of last year, we had 88 EC students. We currently have 103 EC students. Our EC staff is working very hard to meet all of these student needs.

### Finance:

- Financial information is attached. We continue to be in a strong financial position.

### **Legal / DPI:**

- **Submissions**
  - Monthly reports on the expenditure of COVID Funds.
  - Quarterly reports on specific COVID funds
  - Board meeting Dates in Epicenter
  - Guidance Check in Epicenter
  - Annual Data Collection in Epicenter

### **Human Resources:**

- We have posted for the 4-12 Administrative Assistant / Receptionist position

### **Community Relations**

- Weekly Events Update is posted on Facebook and the Headmaster's web page each Friday to highlight events and important dates for the next week.

### **Athletics**

- Report is attached
- Highlights
  - Games have been well attended.
  - Looks like we should be in the playoffs at the end of season for volleyball
  - Soccer is coming along well. We have lots of support for this team. They have experienced their first 2 wins in the last few weeks and we are proud of their growth.
  - Winter Season : Basketball, Swim, Cheer. All have coaches secured.



## Enrollment Report

- Enrollment Numbers for 2021-22 listed on chart below.
- We are well below our goal for the year. We have continued to call, post and promote enrollment. The vast majority of withdrawals are going to county schools, not virtual academies.

<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>						
	<b>Total #s for 21-22</b>	<b>Waitlist</b>	<b># of Classes</b>	<b>Class Ave</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Change from August</b>
<b>K</b>	127	0	5	25.4	120	-9
<b>1</b>	114	0	5	22.8	120	-12
<b>2</b>	113	0	5	22.6	120	-5
<b>3</b>	108	0	5	21.6	120	-5
<b>4</b>	88	1	4	22	100	-6
<b>5</b>	104	0	4	26	110	-1
<b>6</b>	102	0	4	25.5	110	-4
<b>7</b>	88	0	4	22	110	-11
<b>8</b>	80	0	4	20	86	-7
<b>9</b>	53	0	2	26.5	59	+4
<b>10</b>	43	0	2	21.5	49	-1
<b>11</b>	39	0	2	19.5	48	-5
<b>12</b>	30	0	2	15	28	+1
	<b>1089</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>		<b>1180</b>	<b>1144</b>

## Upcoming Dates:

- September 13 - Soccer @ Challenger
- September 14 - Volleyball vs Nebo HOME
- September 14-PEAK Meeting @ 6:00-Lyceum
- September 15 - Progress Reports
- September 16 - Soccer @ Christian Family Academy  
Volleyball @ Challenger
- September 17-Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Volleyball @ Reynold's Mountain



- September 20 - Soccer vs Nebo Crossing
- September 21 - Volleyball @ The Master's Academy  
Soccer @ The Master's Academy
- September 23 - Volleyball vs Veritas HOME  
Soccer vs Veritas HOME
- September 24 - Volleyball vs Haywood HOME  
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- September 28 - Volleyball @ Christian Family Academy  
Soccer @ Christian Family Academy
- September 29 - Financial Aid Night - 6:00
- September 30 - Volleyball vs Victory Christian

### Athletic Department

- **Physicals:** As Winter approaches, PCA would like to coordinate another opportunity to offer physicals on campus. Mr. Gosey is in the process of reaching out to Dr. Lowry and his wife to see if they are willing to assist us in the near future.
- **Athletic Kick-Off:** With the support of PCA administration and the PCA Board, the Athletic Department would like to make the Athletic Kick-Off an annual event. This will provide PCA with an opportunity to highlight and recognize our Archery team and to communicate with our families during the summer months.
- **Volleyball:** Our Volleyball team is having a wonderful season. If you haven't attended a game, we encourage you to attend. While the conference statistics are difficult (if not impossible) to find, we should be in the playoffs at the conclusion of the regular season. We are very proud of Coach Burleson and both the JV and Varsity teams. Due to a covid cluster, the Volleyball game scheduled for 9/7/21 has been rescheduled.

#### 2021 Fall VBALL Game Schedule

- **Cross Country:** We are excited to share some FANTASTIC news for our PCA Cross Country team! Due to the limited number of races offered by our current athletic conference, PCA recently applied for a registered Cross Country team on [nc.milesplit.com](http://nc.milesplit.com). We received notification yesterday that our team request was approved. Moving forward, PCA will now have access to an extensive list of Cross Country races for our team to enter. PCA is also excited to share that our cross country uniforms have been ordered and should arrive next week! A special thanks to Coach Tongel and his wife for their assistance with the new design. As always, we thank you for being patient with your PCA Athletic Department as we work tirelessly to expand the athletic opportunities offered to our students. Our PCA Cross Country schedule is linked below. We are currently working on a more parent friendly copy. LLCA also recently canceled their Cross Country meeting that was originally scheduled for 9/7/21.

## ☰ Cross Country 2021-2022

· **Soccer:** Congratulations to our Soccer team on their first win this past Friday. It was a special moment for these young men to win their first match of the season on their home field. A special thanks to Mr. Dearmin and his wife for their assistance with our uniforms for this year. We couldn't have done it without them.

· **NCHSAA:** NCHSAA Application is currently on hold until further direction from the PCA Board.

**Swimming:** We have completed signups for our PCA Swim Team. Coach Barnes will be holding tryouts at the Dover YMCA in the next couple of weeks. We have seen a great deal of interest in this sport. Coach Barnes has shared with me her previously approved uniform which I have emailed admin for approval.

### **Basketball:**

First Report: 9/7/2021: Darius Howell (Varsity) and Jamie Stewart (JV) have both agreed to return as coaches this upcoming season. We are in the process of holding conversations with both of them to coordinate and plan upcoming tryouts, scheduling of games, and uniform selection. We continue to search for a Women's head Coach. I will update the board when a coach has been finalized.

**Updated PCA Coaching Staff:** *Official staffing appointments remain dependent upon verification of background information when needed (Non PCA Staff Members).*

\* **Men's Soccer (FALL):** Trasy Snow

\* **Women's Volleyball (FALL):** Kailanne Burleson

\* **Cross Country (FALL):** Matt Sadler

\* **Men's Varsity Basketball (WINTER):** Darius Howell

\* **Women's Varsity Basketball (WINTER):** Candice Frazier

\* **Men's JV Basketball (WINTER):** Jamie Stewart

\* **Men's Middle School (WINTER):** Jamie Stewart

\* **Swim (WINTER):** Katie Barnes

\* **Cheer (WINTER):** Melissa Harrill

\* **Archery (Mixed Seasons):** Todd Tongel



\* **Men's Baseball (SPRING):** Casey Metcalf

\* **Women's Softball (SPRING):** Diane Austin

\* **Women's Soccer (SPRING):** TBD

**Facebook & Branding:** The PCA Athletic Department is working hard to build interest and excitement for the upcoming school year. It is my intention to work diligently to increase our digital footprint in various forms. It is my hope that doing so will increase parent participation and community buy-in. Our PCAA Facebook page has recently seen a huge increase in viewer traffic:

Facebook Insights: August 9th - September 5th

- People Reached: 6,336
- Post Engagement: 3, 941
- Page Likes: 32

### **Athletic Committee Meeting:**

We had a wonderful meeting with PCA administration and board members last Wednesday to discuss athletics and the plan moving forward. The Athletic department has a better understanding of how to move forward with proposals for facilities and grounds. Mr. Gosey will also be in contact with Shelby Nursery in regards to the Baseball field and the Soccer field. The Athletic department is hopeful to have several proposals for your review and consideration at your next meeting.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like any additional information or if I can answer any questions you may have.

Brandon Gosey

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## **Board Updates**

### **Miscellaneous Board Updates**

### **New Business**

### **Old Business**

**Adjournment** *Dr. Pauline Cahill made a motion to adjourn and Dr. Becky Sain seconded. Meeting was adjourned.*