Justice Lives Here.

Pillsbury United Communities Values

Creativity – We believe in building bold, transformative solutions with our community.

Justice – We believe equity comes from health, safety, quality education and meaningful work.

Resilience – We believe true resiliency in communities emerges from equitable systems, infrastructure, and social connectedness.

Connection – We believe we are stronger together; we strive to always work in partnership. Kindness – We believe positivity, empathy, and compassion are revolutionary acts.

Executive Summary

Pillsbury United Communities - Office of Public Charter Schools' (PUC-OPCS) is part of the Pillsbury Communities, a 140-year-old nonprofit committed to creating a just world. Our communities and our work have evolved over the last 140 years, but the PUC's mission remains the same: working with our communities to co-create enduring change towards a just society.

PUC_OPCS's mission is clear, compelling, and fully aligns with Minnesota Statues, Chapter 124E. The mission statement is as follows:

"PUC-OPCS authorizes and oversees charter schools that boldly engage and affirm all students in innovative, challenging, authentic, relevant and equitable learning opportunities."

Pillsbury United Communities - Office of Public Charter Schools (PUC-OPCS) intentionally authorizes schools who serve students that historically have not been served well in traditional district settings and who have endured chronic educational disparities for decades. It is because of the egregious gaps that still exist for our black, brown, and Indigenous students, our community expects us to oversee our portfolio of schools extending beyond the white normative lens and mechanisms for assessments and accountability. The systems that have failed our black, brown, and Indigenous students for generations require us to do things differently.

Our work starts with seeing our students as assets and valuing the incredible wisdom our students, families, and community bring to our education system. Each of our students matter. OPCS' processes are rooted in the work to ensure our students are prepared for the life of their choosing, are affirmed in who they are and where they come from, not despite who they are and where they come from.

Moreover, our mission is the foundation for the work that we execute, which includes our ongoing oversight processes, any school applications, and the quality school review process. Applications and rubrics include measures that are in direct alignment with our mission and efforts to serve students through an anti-racist, relevant, and responsive lens.

Portfolio Description

The 2022-2023 school year saw PUC-OPCS maintain its portfolio size of 18 operational schools, primarily located in the greater Twin Cities Metro Area, with one school each in St. Cloud and Rochester, respectively. There were no additional schools added to the portfolio or closed during FY22.

Budget Narrative

Under Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.05, subdivision 8, charter school authorizers are required to submit a statement of income and expenditures for the previous school year's chartering activities. It states:

By September 30 of each year, an authorizer shall submit to the commissioner a statement of income and expenditures related to chartering activities during the previous school year ending June 30. The authorizer must transmit a copy of the statement to all schools it charters.

Below is Pillsbury United's statement of financial expenditures related to authorizing duties for fiscal year 2023, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.05, subdivision 8. Even though this report does not include a more expansive report, it is important to note that the expenditure shown does not include the substantial value PUC offers through commitment to Justice, elevating communities from poverty, and community-based authorizing.

Fund Balance Information

Beginning of Year Fund Balance = $50,000 (based on temporary restricted grant funding as of June 30, 2022)

Net Income (Deficit) = $9,519 (this deficit is to cover remaining expenses between July -Dec '23, and contribution to PUC organization)

End of Year Fund Balance = $ 59,519

Income and Expenditures Table

Income Source	Amount	Description
Charter School Fees		
El Colegio Charter School	$11,736	
Friendship Academy of the Arts	$27,452	
Gateway STEM Academy	$25,326	
High School for the Recording Arts	$27,452	
Horizon Science Academy- Twin Cities	$11,446	
Jennings Community Learning Center	$9,162	
LoveWorks Academy for Visual and Performing Arts	$16,966	

Midway Star Academy	$ 27,452	
Minnesota Internship Center	$27,452	
Minnesota Math and Science Academy	$27,308	
Minnesota Online High School	$23,966	
Minnesota Transitions Charter School	$27,452	
Rochester Math and Science Academy	$27,452	
Sojourner Truth Academy	$ 27,452	
Stonebridge World School	$27,452	
Twin Cities International Schools	$27,452	
Stride Academy	$27,452	
Ubah Academy (formerly known as Ubah Medical Academy)	$27,452	
Charter School Fees Subtotal	$427,882	
Other Income Sources		
Grants (external)	$70,000	($40k Graves Foundation, $10k Aurora Institute, $5k Mortenson)
CSP Grant Training Funds (as applicable)	$0	
Other Income Sources Subtotal	$70,000	
Total Income	$497,882	

Expenditures	**Amount**	**Description**
Personnel Expenditures (including all payroll expenditures, e.g., Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA), benefits plan, insurance)		

Authorizing Staff (e.g., Executive Director, Specialists, Office Assistant)	$274,993	Staff wages, benefits, and payroll taxes for Authorizing staff (ED, Specialists, Office Assistant)
Consultants and/or Outside Service Contracts	$32,145	
Personnel Expenditures Subtotal	$307,138	
Administrative/Office Expenditures		
Office Space Rental/Lease	$62,140	(includes the PUC costs for IT support, general office software licensing, personnel expenses for Facilities team and onsite receptionists, space rental, utilities, site maintenance, building supplies, and telecommunications)
Professional Development (e.g., staff development, conferences/workshops/trainings, dues/subscriptions)	$4,160	Staff continued professional development trainings
Transportation and Travel	$2,565	Transportation costs to support staff professional development travel
Office Supplies and Equipment	$46,051	Program supplies, office equipment, software subscription
Administrative/Office Expenditures Subtotal	$114,916	
Other Expenditures		
PUC Overhead Allocations	$50,207	
Membership Dues	$4,365	MACSA annual membership fee
Budget Shortfall	$6,567	Budget shortfall from previous years
Depreciation	$5,170	Allocated depreciation
Other Expenditures Subtotal	$66,309	

Total Expenditures	$488,363	

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