



Classical Charter School Association

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CCSA BOARD MINUTES

October 10, 2013 Classical School Room 124

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Leschke called the October 2013 meeting of the Classical Charter School Association Board to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Tom Bomann, Kiran Chawla, Kathy Diedrich, Nancy Fischer, Peter Leschke, Kathy Povolny and Joanne Bielmeier.
3. **Guest Attendees:** None
4. **Classical School Mission:** Mr. Leschke reminded those in attendance of the mission of Classical School, *Building a just and excellent educational foundation.*
5. **Approval of the Meeting Agenda and Consent Agenda:** Mrs. Chawla moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Meeting Agenda with the addition of Board Discussion items AASD Family/School Partnership Surveys and future Classical Columns articles. Mr. Bomann seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Items on the consent agenda:
 - ❖ March 12, Kindergarten PAC field trip
 - ❖ CCSA Board minutes for 09-12-2013
6. **Committee Reports/Updates & Board Discussion:**
 - ❖ Curriculum Committee
 - PALS testing
 - Proposal: The Curriculum Committee proposed that when a grade level is mandated to take the PALS (reading) test, the Reading portion of the MAP testing will not be administered. The Math S MAP testing is not affected by this proposal.
 - The effect on NUMATS (Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search) eligibility beginning in 2nd grade was questioned.
 - Mr. Bomann moved to amend the proposal to include only 1st grade for the current school year and to have Program Support look into whether PALS will suffice for NUMATS in 2nd grade and beyond. Mrs. Chawla seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
 - Staff development ideas include a Summer Symposium regarding Socratic questioning and other topics in the School of Logic.
 - Possible was to equalize the continuity of rigor between grade levels were discussed by the committee.
 - The committee also discussed the possibility of providing reading mastery classes in 4th and 5th grade. Resources both in regard to time and staff are uncertain.
 - The committee will create a curriculum evaluation template for review at the November CCSA Board meeting.
 - ❖ Governance Committee
 - Mr. Leschke and Mr. Bomann began the review of the 1996 CCS Charter.
 - Mr. Bomann will create a chart highlighting the changes from the previous charter to the 2013 Proposed Charter to be presented, along with a draft of the proposed charter, to the CCSA Board at the November meeting.
 - Mr. Leschke will send the charter criteria document to Mr. Bomann.
 - Dean Fischer will send the potential referendum list created last year to Mr. Leschke.

- ❖ Communications Committee
 - Website update
 - The Request for Proposal (RFP) to have a new website developed is complete and will be submitted to vendors following the meeting.
 - The prototype website and communications strategy were reviewed at the October Advisory Council meeting to get input from parents and teachers.
- ❖ Finance Committee
 - \$2088.81 in the CCSA account.
 - Possible ways to add funds to the CCSA account were discussed. The Community Foundation is not a potential source based on uses of the funds.
 - Mrs. Chawla will follow up regarding the purpose of the Blue Sky fund and if CCSA funds may be generated through Knowledge-A-Thon (KAT).
- ❖ AASD Family/School Partnership Surveys
 - Mr. Bomann moved that Classical accept and promote the surveys as requested by AASD. Mrs. Chawla seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- ❖ Future Classical Columns Articles
 - October – Volunteer Requirement (Program Support/Board)
 - November – Strategic Plan/December Advisory Council Meeting Topic (Mr. Leschke/CCSA Board)
 - December – To be determined (Dean Fischer)

7. Information Updates

- ❖ Dean Report
 - New Staff: Dusty Hafeman, SPED
 - Teacher Evaluations: Primary evaluator will be Mr. Dom Ferrito, Principal, Montessori School; Secondary evaluator will be Nancy Fischer
 - National Institute for Direct Instruction Coaching, November 4-5 in Atlanta, GA. Two teachers will be attending.
 - Concordia Language Camp, Nov. 7-10. Four teachers and 48 students will attend
 - Adolescent Mental Health Wellness Evening, Nov. 12, 2013, from 6:30-8:00pm to meet suicide prevention planning requirement. A flier will be sent home to grades 5 – 8, and an all-call will go out to all parents as a reminder.
 - Durkee Street Terrace: Feedback from parents and outside student transportation companies has been quite positive. Multiple parents have requested additional parking in the Einstein Park area.
- ❖ Program Support Report
 - Fall Fest October 11. Book fair also scheduled.
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences October 15, 17 and 21. Looking for volunteers for babysitting during conferences. If there are no volunteers by Friday, October 11, the service may be cancelled.
 - WKCE testing window October 28 – November 29.
 - AASD Charter Fair November 9.
 - High School Transition: Guidance Counselors from the three public high schools will be coming to speak to Classical 8th graders in November about course scheduling for high school.

8. Public Comment following the Public Comment Guidelines

- No comment from the public

9. Upcoming Meetings

Second Thursday of each month from 3:30 to 5:30 in room 124 at Classical School:

November 14

December 12

January 9

February 13

March 13

April 10

May 8

10. Meeting Adjourned

- Mr. Bomann moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Chawla seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.