



Classical Charter School Association

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CCSA BOARD MINUTES

September 11, 2014
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Room 124

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Leschke called the September 2014 meeting of the Classical Charter School Association Board (CCSA) to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Tom Bomann, Kiran Chawla, Karen Cheng, Kathy Diedrich, Nancy Fischer, Peter Leschke, and Joanne Bielmeier.
3. **Guest Attendee(s):** Anne Tretinyak and Kristin Killian
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 meeting agenda and the consent agenda. Mrs. Cheng seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Items on the consent agenda:
 - June 5, 2014, CCSA Board Meeting Minutes
 - Kindergarten & 1st Grade Field Trip
 - April 17, 2015
 - Wild Kratts – Live! at the Fox Cities PAC
6. **Enrollment Report:** Enrollment Current Status – At capacity in grades K - 6; openings in grades 7 & 8
7. **Expansion Update:** Survey results were reviewed
8. **Curriculum Discussion - 4th Grade Reading Proposal from Dean Fischer:**

Individual reading growth for students in the grade-level reading group is inadequate from the end of Reading Mastery 3 in 3rd grade to the end of 4th grade, based on data from 2009 - 2014. Propose implementation of a 3-year pilot curriculum change in the grade-level reading curriculum in 4th grade. The goal is to increase student reading fluency and comprehension. During the 2014-15 through the 2016-17 school years, MAP data will be analyzed to determine if students are meeting their targeted growth in these two areas. Under this plan, grade-level reading students will have the benefit of continuing the Reading Mastery program for an additional semester to support and improve their fluency and comprehension skills. Studying the Core Classics version of the three most challenging books during the 2nd semester of 4th grade will provide a smoother transition into unabridged literature.

 - Mrs. Cheng asked if there are any other grades where this concern exists. No other grades were noted as concerns. Mrs. Cheng also suggested data earlier than 2009 might be included in the analysis and that MAP testing will need to continue in order to complete the assessment of the curriculum change.
 - Mrs. Bielmeier asked if a reading log, such as will be implemented in 4th grade with the continuation of the Reading Mastery program, will also be implemented in 3rd grade. Dean Fischer will look into the question of reading log continuity between grades.
 - Dean Fischer noted the proposal may be reevaluated each year when MAP data is examined.
 - Mr. Bomann moved to approve the 4th grade reading proposal as submitted by Dean Fischer. Mrs. Cheng seconded the motion, and the proposal was unanimously approved.
9. **Dean Report:**
 - 7th Grade Writing Checklist – The discussion was removed from agenda.
 - Budget – No new budget data was available from the district.
 - Staffing Update – Previously published staffing changes were reviewed. Kathy Povolny's last official day is September 12, 2014.

- Facilities:
 - Drop-off, pick-up is going well; however, some of the same issues continue (drivers parking/leaving cars on the terrace, etc.). Dean Fischer is meeting with the principal of Einstein Middle School, Ben Vogel, and a representative from Appleton Parks and Recreation regarding reconfiguring the Einstein Park parking lot.
 - ALICE = The School Safety Committee is reviewing materials and will determine an implementation plan for this new intruder response process. The process will be implemented over the course of the school year, and staff members will continue to receive training at upcoming staff development sessions.
- Advisory Council:
 - Dean Fischer is considering utilizing the council to help new families partner with existing Classical School families and to assist in the development of educational programs for parents.

10. **Program Support Report:**

- Fall Fest – Kara Carman is coordinating the event coming up October 10; Lisa Tillema-Cuff is coordinating the book fair. Raffle tickets are being awarded at game stations versus candy.
- Testing – Plans for upcoming testing were reviewed.

11. **Finance Report:** CCSA account balance is \$2334.24. The quarterly Amazon Smile deposit equaled \$27.55.

12. **Public Comment:** Classical School parents Anne Tretinyak and Kristin Killian read statements in support of expanding the program to include a School of Rhetoric.

13. **Closed Session:** Review Strategic Plan Document

14. **Motion to Adjourn:** Mrs. Cheng moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bomann seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.