



Classical Charter School Association

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CCSA BOARD MINUTES

February 12, 2015 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Room 124, Classical School

1. **Call to Order:** Mrs. Tretinyak called the February 2015 meeting of the Classical Charter School Association (CCSA) Board to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Kiran Chawla, Kathy Diedrich, Nancy Fischer, Anne Tretinyak, and Joanne Bielmeier
3. **Guest Attendee(s):** None
4. **Classical School Mission:** Mrs. Tretinyak reminded those in attendance of the mission of Classical School, *Building a just and excellent educational foundation.*
5. **Public Comment:** Laura Hinkens, Classical School Paraprofessional and Assistant Secretary, suggested enrollment or waitlist priority be extended to grandchildren of staff members. It was also noted that priority might be considered for children of alumni.
6. **Approval of Meeting Agendas:** Mrs. Chawla moved to approve the consent and meeting agendas without changes. Mrs. Bielmeier seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
7. **Committee Reports/Discussion:**
 - Governance/School of Rhetoric (SOR) Expansion – Mrs. Tretinyak
 - Update on January 29, 2015, AASD Programs and Services Committee Meeting
 - Presentation to the Programs and Services Committee was pushed back to February at the suggestion of the Assistant Superintendents, Ben Vogel and Judy Baseman
 - Mrs. Tretinyak and Dean Fischer are meeting with Ben Vogel and Judy Baseman on Monday, February 15, for feedback on the presentation to the Programs and Services Committee.
 - Next Steps in SOR Expansion Process
 - SOR Expansion Committee met Monday, February 2. Next steps:
 - Dr. Christopher Perrin to:
 - refine curriculum document and write introduction to each course area
 - prepare webinar regarding Classical Education and the SOR
 - Eighth & Ninth grade alumni survey circulating to gauge interest in SOR. Survey circulated to homeschool and parochial groups, as well as Classical School families.
 - Curriculum – Mrs. Tretinyak
 - Latin – Reviewed 2015-16 Latin implementation proposal from Dean Fischer. Mrs. Bielmeier moved to add Latin instruction in 2015-16 based on the proposal from Dean Fischer, with the understanding curriculum materials and/or scheduling could change slightly. Mrs. Chawla seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
 - Badger Exam
 - Recommendation regarding practice test utilization and other test preparation from Dean Fischer and Kathy Diedrich – 1. recommend showing 20 minute demo video to classes, and 2. recommend teachers lead their classes through practice examination with Mrs. Diedrich present, and 3. recommend teachers provide Badger Exam vocabulary instruction. All recommendations are made to make testing time as efficient as possible to avoid any further loss of instructional time.
 - Mrs. Chawla moved to approve parts 1 and 2 of the recommendation. Mrs. Bielmeier seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
 - Mrs. Diedrich will report teacher feedback regarding the approved recommendation and any necessary vocabulary instruction.
 - Reviewed February *Notes from the Board* article for the *Classical Columns*

- Communications – Mrs. Bielmeier
 - Parent Education
 - Dr. Christopher Perrin webinar
 - *Introduction to Classical Education* booklet by Dr. Christopher Perrin – Considering providing to Kindergarten parents at orientation.
 - Finance – Mrs. Chawla
 - CCSA Finance Report - \$2806.40 balance in CCSA account

8. **Dean Report:** – Dean Fischer reported that the AASD was audited by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights. As a result of the audit, services available at charter schools will be reviewed by the AASD.

9. **Program Support Reports:** – Mrs. Bielmeier/Mrs. Diedrich
 Mrs. Bielmeier provided an update on advertising, informational sessions, and 2015-16 applications received to date. Mrs. Diedrich provided an update on observations by potential parents and Knowledge-A-Thon (KAT).
 • Dean Fischer and Mrs. Chawla will meet to discuss potential needs for KAT proceeds.

10. **Review Future Meeting Dates/Times:**

- March 12, 2015, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- May 14, 2015, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Summer and Strategic Planning Meeting Dates will be discussed at the March meeting
- Future SOR Expansion Committee Meeting Dates are to be determined

11. **Closed Session:**

- Board Member Recruitment

12. **Reconvene in Open Session:** Mrs. Bielmeier moved to invite Mrs. DeVantier to join the CCSA Board. Mrs. Chawla seconded motion, and it was unanimously approved.

13. **Motion to Adjourn:** Mrs. Chawla moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Bielmeier seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Upcoming Important Dates:

CCSA Board Meetings:

March 12, 2015, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Classical School Room 124

May 14, 2015, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Classical School Room 124