



## Classical Charter School Association

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# CCSA BOARD MINUTES

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

1. **Call to Order:** Mrs. Tretinyak called the May 14, 2015, meeting of the Classical Charter School Association (CCSA) Board to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Kiran Chawla, Melissa DeVantier, Kathy Diedrich, Nancy Fischer, Sarah Roe, 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:**
  - Jennifer Peterson, Appleton North High School Spanish Teacher, disagreed with the possible reduction of Spanish instruction in order to expand Latin instruction at Classical School
  - Thomas Bomann, Classical School 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, spoke in support of the proposed expansion of Latin instruction in the Classical School curriculum
  - Kristin Killian, Classical School School of Rhetoric (SOR) Expansion Committee Co-chair, asked the CCSA Board to continue to support SOR Expansion efforts
6. **Approval of Meeting Agendas:** Mrs. DeVantier moved to approve the consent and meeting agendas without changes. Mrs. Chawla seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
7. **Committee Reports/Discussion:**
  - **Governance/School of Rhetoric (SOR) Expansion**
    - **Update on April 30, 2015, AASD Programs and Services Committee Meeting**
      - Mrs. Tretinyak provided a summary of the April 30, 2015, AASD Programs and Services Committee Meeting, where the committee members voted to deny the possibility of expansion of the Classical School program to grades 9 – 12. Mrs. Tretinyak expressed the CCSA Board's gratitude for the efforts of the SOR Expansion Committee in bringing the classical education community together to pursue the expansion.
    - **Next Steps in SOR Expansion Process**
      - Next steps for Classical School's involvement will be considered as part of the CCSA Board's strategic planning process.
  - **Curriculum**
    - **2015-16 Kindergarten and grade 1 Fieldtrip Request – Aesop's Fables at the PAC**
      - Mrs. Roe moved to approve the fieldtrip. Mrs. DeVantier seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
    - **Latin Implementation**
      - The 2015-16 Latin implementation plan will be determined based on staffing/hiring decisions. The plan will be communicated prior to the end of the school year.
        - Discussions regarding Latin implementation have been ongoing since 2012-13
        - Teacher Latin materials have arrived for grades 4 - 6
  - **Communications**
    - Board members should get written thank you notes for staff members to Mrs. Bielmeier by May 29.
  - **Finance**
    - CCSA Finance Report \$2845.51

8. **Dean Report – Dean Fischer**
- **Staffing Update** – Personnel discussion moved to closed session.
  - **Facilities Update** – Discussions are ongoing between AASD and The City of Appleton regarding proposed improvements to the Einstein Park parking lot and the addition of a paved path between that parking lot and Classical School.
9. **Program Support Reports – Mrs. Bielmeier/Mrs. Diedrich**
- **Mrs. Bielmeier:**
    - **Enrollment update** – Waiting lists exist in grades K – 6.
    - **Graduation tasks & roles** – Mrs. DeVantier will be the emcee, Mrs. Chawla will wrap graduate gifts, and Mrs. Roe will assist as needed at the ceremony.
  - **Mrs. Diedrich:**
    - **Testing update** – MAP completed April 23, Badger completed May 13 (makeups remain), PALS completed May 14 for grades 1 and 2, Kindergarten PALS testing complete week of May 18
10. **Review Future Meeting Dates/Times:**
- **2015-16 CCSA Board Meeting Dates** – Monthly meetings, 6 – 8 pm, second Thursday of each month, September - May
  - **Summer and Strategic Planning Meeting Dates** – To be determined
  - **Future SOR Expansion Committee Meeting Dates**
    - Meetings to review collected information from the April 30 Programs and Services Committee Meeting and determine possible next steps will be held May 28 at Noon at McCarty Law Offices and at 6:30 pm at Classical School.
    - James Bowman, AASD School Board member, will be touring Classical School at the urging of a Classical School parent via a letter written to the AASD School Board.
11. **Closed Session:**
- **CCSA Board Practices & Procedures**
  - **Board Member Recruitment**
12. **Reconvene in Open Session** – Mrs. DeVantier moved to reconvene in open session. Mrs. Roe seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- Mrs. DeVantier moved to implement Latin in grades K-5 in 2015-16. Mrs. DeVantier also moved to close the posting for a Latin teacher as of May 29, 2015, in order to allow teachers to prepare for the 2015-16 school year. Mrs. Roe seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
13. **Motion to Adjourn** – Mrs. Roe moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. DeVantier seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.