



Classical Charter School Association

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CCSA BOARD MINUTES

December 10, 2015 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Classical School, Room 122

1. **Call to Order:** Mrs. Tretinyak called the December 10, 2015, meeting of the Classical Charter School Association (CCSA) Board to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Tim Broeckert, Kiran Chawla, Kathy Diedrich, Melissa DeVantier, 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.* She also provided an explanation of the mission.
5. **Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2015, CCSA Board Meeting:** Mrs. DeVantier moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015, CCSA Board Meeting. Mr. Broeckert seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
6. **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Mrs. DeVantier moved to approve the agenda of the December 10, 2015, CCSA Board meeting. Mrs. Roe seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
7. **Board Committee Reports & Discussion Items:**
 - **Governance**
 - Discussed process for new board member recruitment and a packet of documentation and recommended reading to provide to interested candidates.
 - Considerations suggested to be discussed further at next Governance Committee Meeting:
 - Including classical education resources in the recommended reading
 - Combining board binder with staff handbook
 - Inclusion of Kathy Diedrich's proposed document, "Understanding the Classical School Choice"
 - Developing a letter of introduction from the CCSA Board for Kathy Diedrich to provide to new staff members
 - Ben Vogel notified the board to proceed with drafting a new contract using the template previously provided by AASD. The Governance Committee will consider how the recent charter law changes to allowable enrollment priorities, as well as any language regarding expansion, will be included in the proposed revision of the charter.
 - Mr. Broeckert reviewed findings from the Facilities Subcommittee for future discussions with AASD.
 - Mrs. Tretinyak provided an update on her meeting with Greg Hartjes which yielded his insight into AASD's evolving charter school philosophy as well as some neighborhood school enrollment issues.
 - **Educational Program**
 - **Writing**
 - Provided teachers a form for feedback as they review materials
 - Working to determine what can be accomplished yet this year and longer-term objectives
 - Attempting to switching thinking to skill based (what skills are being developed) versus activity or product based (e.g., poem, research paper)

- **World Language Committee** met Tuesday, December 8
 - **Spanish**
 - Communication skills vary in Classical grads, per Level 4 high school teachers. Willingness to communicate openly in class is very personality dependent. Some students are more reserved than others.
 - Time to review checklists and suggest modifications is too limited during school year and will have to be addressed during the summer.
 - The committee will use remainder of year to gather ideas and continue to consult with high school resources.
 - **Latin**
 - AASD high school classes, which have not been offered in the last few years, and e-school classes use classical pronunciation
 - K-3 teachers on committee are reviewing Memoria Press materials to provide suggested modifications to fit available class time. Committee goal is to have modified materials to teachers in Feb.
 - Mrs. Foley and Dean Fischer are reviewing the grammar sequence & checklists to ensure Core Knowledge concepts are covered outside of Shurley, in preparation for eventual adjustment to the grammar program when Latin is implemented in grades 4 and up.
 - The committee will meet again after the January staff meeting
 - Mrs. Tretinyak suggested the committee consider if extending the school day would be an option to provide more class time for Latin instruction. Considerations include effects on after school clubs and traffic.
 - Proposal from the committee will be brought to the CCSA board for a vote as soon as possible. Any decision will be communicated via the Internal Affairs Committee. An update on all committee progress will be provided in the January Classical Columns.
- **External Affairs**
 - The board/staff event earlier this month was enjoyable.
 - The committee will review fundraising at its January 11 meeting. Possible ideas include a fine arts night and/or silent auction.

8. **Treasurer Report:** CCSA account balance is \$3075.48

9. **Dean Report:** Dean Fischer was not present for the meeting.

10. **Program Support Reports:**

- **Mrs. Diedrich**
 - School events update
 - 7th/8th grade dance will be December 18
 - School spelling bee is scheduled for the Wednesday before Winter Break
 - The 2nd round of MAP testing is scheduled to begin after Winter Break
- **Mrs. Bielmeier**
 - Enrollment update
 - December Informational meeting was well attended. Advertising on Go Valley Kids and in the Bargain Bulletin. Brochures and applications are also at area libraries. A mailer was also sent to all AASD 4K families at the end of November.
 - 145 applications received to date; 58 of those for Kindergarten and 10 for 7th grade
 - High school selection & scheduling update
 - Jean Herron's Q&A session was well attended by over half of the 8th grade parents.
 - Confirmed with Holly Hayes at Attendance & Enrollment that once a student is open enrolled in AASD their enrollment status carries with them into high school, i.e., they are considered an AASD student ongoing.
 - As provisioned in Act 55, effective with the 2016-17 graduating class, Wisconsin high school students must pass an exam that mirrors the US Citizenship Test to graduate. Would like to check into our students taking that exam, possibly in 8th grade.
 - Summer reading program– Mrs. Tretinyak and Dean Fischer will discuss the possibility of developing such a program.

11. **Public Comment:** None

12. **Motion to Adjourn:** Mr. Broeckert moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. DeVantier seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.