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## CCSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**April 21st, 2020**

**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Zoom Video Conference Only in Compliance with Wisconsin Emergency Mandates  
Meeting ID: 143 772 849 Password: 300774 Ph: 312-626-6799**

**1. Call to Order** - Mr. Broeckert called the April 21st, 2020 meeting of the Classical Charter School Association (CCSA) Board to order.

**2. Roll Call** - Tom Bomann, Raj Dugal, Chad Cotti, Tim Broeckert, Sarah Roe, Peter Chen, Rolando Sanchez, Arnold Shober, and Terri Meisel

**3. Welcome Guest Attendee(s)** - Arielle Elms

**4. Classical School Mission: *Building a just and excellent educational foundation***

Mr. Broeckert shared a quote from Hirsch.

Classical Mission - "Student centered-learning expresses the idea that it is more humane than to focus on the well-being of the child than on 'mere' academic learning. But schools are not organized, and their staffs are not trained, to reliably secure the spiritual and psychological well being of students. Schools are organized and instituted primarily to teach subject matters and skills, and it is their first duty to do so as effectively as possible." The dichotomy between subject and child has too often resulted in failure to teach children subjects and skills they need. Such failure cannot under any principled use of the language be described as child-centered."

**5. Public Comment** - none

**6. Principal Update**

● **Week 1 Updates**

- Mr. Bomann shared that he is connecting with each teacher 1:1 weekly. The main focus of the connection is to gauge staff stress level and review status of unresponsive students/families. Overall, Mr. Bomann shared that the stress levels seem similar to last week or a bit lower. The stressors have shifted from concern with video creation to more of a concern with student follow up. Mr. Bomann is aware of 4-5 families that are disengaged and is working to better understand their individual situations.
- Mr. Bomann highlighted that overall teachers are having to send reminders to a higher number of students to turn in homework than they normally manage during a traditional learning environment and that results in more assignments being turned in late. Teachers are continuing to exercise grace and flexibility with students.
- Mr. Bomann also shared that he is working with MS teachers on video format and brainstorming ideas on ways to engage with students instead of just reading to students. Some options shared were exemplary review of some answers and more cheerleading approaches.
- Mr. Bomann shared that focus will be shifting to end of year activities and plans will be developed for K/8 graduation, awards ceremony, and student return of learning supplies. In addition, a plan will need to be pulled together to address students returning in the fall and the thought that students may not be at traditional academic levels. Mr. Bomann shared that the school might see a shift in accelerated versus grade level students and how that might present a challenge from a class size standpoint.

- Mr. Bomann invited the CCSA board to attend the teacher staff meeting Wednesday, April 22 from 2-3pm for a listening session for any members able to attend.
- **Video/Technology Issues for Staff**
  - Mr. Bomann shared that less technology issues have been escalated this week.
- **KAT**
  - KAT will be postponed but a new date has not been confirmed at this point. The committee is looking into options given this is the one big fundraiser for the school.
  - Mr. Broeckert requested that a committee member draft an update email to families given the original date was for this week.

## 7. Board Discussion

- **Gauging Progress, Grading, & Student/Family Reporting**
  - The CCSA board reviewed feedback that was received at the teacher listening session last week. Staff members shared that there were concerns around keeping track of grades and communicating grades ongoing to parents. Mr. Bomann will manage expectations around the grading system for 4th quarter (S, S-, and N) with the teachers.
- **Prioritization of Board Expectations as Needed**
  - The CCSA board reviewed feedback that was received at the teacher listening session last week around a need to prioritize the 'ask.' Mr. Bomann shared that this concern was likely raised due to his request for teachers to share video links, names of unresponsive families, and pacing schedules with him. Mr. Bomann also shared that a compromise was reached in simply adding him to each of the teachers google classroom as a student.
- **Items for Next Week's Agenda**
  - CCSA board review of all March/April board meeting minutes for approval at April 28th meeting.
  - Parent survey timing
- **Additional CCSA Board Member Concerns**
  - Mr. Dugal raised the question around the strategic planning date in May and whether the CCSA board would need to modify the plan or date for the meeting. Mr. Broeckert will review and communicate back to the CCSA board members.
  - The May board meeting will remain on May 7th and the agenda will be to review the strategic plan.

## 8. Public Comment - none

**9. Motion to Adjourn** - Mr. Shober moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Roe seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.