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School Association**

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CCSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 8th, 2020

6:30 pm

Zoom video conference only in accordance with social distancing best practices

Meeting ID: 143 772 849 Password: 300774 Ph: 312-626-6799

1. Call to Order - Mr. Broeckert called the October 8th, 2020 meeting of the Classical Charter School Association (CCSA) Board to order.

2. Roll Call - Mr. Bomann, Ms. Meisel, Ms. Roe, Mr. Dugal, Mr. Cotti, Mr. Broeckert, Mr. Shober, Ms. Van Ryzin, and Mr. Sanchez.

3. Welcome Guest Attendee(s) - Seventeen guests were in attendance including various staff members (Ms. Cihlar, Ms. Crownhart, Ms. Pellingier, and Ms. Campshure).

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

5. Public Comment -

- **Sheri Hartzheim** - apart of a small group that is interested in pushing forward with an option to adjust the metrics for returning to in person learning - group is leading a recall petition drive for 3 AASD school board members

6. Items for Approval

- **Meeting Agenda** - Mr. Dugal motioned to approve the 10/8/2020 meeting agenda. Ms. Van Ryzin seconded the motion and all CCSA board members were in favor.
- **Meeting Minutes (9/10)** - Ms. Van Ryzin motioned to approve the 9/10/2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Dugal seconded the motion and all CCSA board members were in favor.

7. Administration & Staff Updates

- Mr. Bomann shared that teachers are doing very well, compliments all around from feedback received to date. Teachers are focusing on interactions with students virtually and doing a nice job.
- I-READY communication will be shared with families on 10/9/2020, parents have the ability to opt out of testing from the district if they want.
- Lifetouch - Picture opportunity for families, tentatively scheduled for November 12th 11am-4pm. Time slots will be assigned for families and no retake day will be offered. Questions were raised around the potential disruption to a school day to accommodate this. Also questions raised regarding the importance of this.
- Mr. Dugal raised a question on whether kindergarten and 1st grade teachers feel students are progressing well with the reading program. Teachers have been discussing whether accelerated students are going to be able to get through the curriculum. Mr. Bomann feels that ultimately most students will be fine and elements of review will be built into next year.
- Mr. Broeckert asked for Mr. Bomann to share updates in the following areas prior to future board meetings.
 - student attendance and participation levels across the grades
 - Mr. Bomann shared that attendance doesn't seem to be a huge issue. Some families are watching recorded sessions and others are only attending live sessions for a shorter

period of time. Video isn't as interactive for students so really trying to promote live attendance.

- pacing plan updates
 - Mr. Bomann has asked teachers to share any things that they are not doing according to their monthly plans. For the 1-4 grade plan, original virtual plan documentation called out A-F grading scale but finding that will be do-able for reading and math. However, teachers are planning S/N grades for those subjects given that work would have typically been done in school versus homework.
- Surveys
 - Sent out surveys to 3rd/4th grade parents
 - most parents agreed not an ideal scenario but doing well given the situation
 - feedback from parents around incorporating a social element for students
 - science and history feedback received for 3rd grade
 - feedback received that level of curriculum is enough and not able to add in much more
 - 30/54 responses from 4th grade families
 - Mr. Bomann to consider recommending to other grades after parent teacher conferences

8. EPC Updates

- Chairs identified for each EPC.
- EPC discussions will start up after parent teacher conferences.

9. Compliance Committee Update

- **Charter Contract Renewal**
 - Committee - Tim Broeckert, Chad Cotti, Melissa DeVantier, and Sam Hamilton - goal to have ready to present to AASD by mid/late winter.
- **Handbook**
 - Working on an update and plan for the draft to be available for the November board meeting. Talked about adding or updating the by-laws around term limits, number of board members, exit strategies, number of new board members a year, and potential to add a non-voting member.
- **Board Recruitment**
 - Ms. Roe and Mr. Bomann are currently working to set up an interview with an applicant.
 - Potential to add in a 3 year commitment on board applications.

10. Finance Committee Update

- **SCRIP**
 - Mr. Sanchez talked with Roy Clark at Xavier (1500 kids) and Xavier is seeing about a 60% participation rate.
 - Would require seed money to set up program to fund cards (could consider utilizing Blue Sky funds).
 - Would require a significant amount of volunteer time to get things set up.
 - Potential to identify a 'reason' for fundraising to drive families to want to participate or look into an option of splitting funds with families/school.
 - \$75 fee yearly
 - Limit initial investment of \$1500
 - Mr. Sanchez motioned to approve a pilot program of SCRIP of \$1,500, Ms. Van Ryzin seconded, all were in favor.
- \$8,375 check will be dropped off at the school to reimburse for the remaining virtual supply items.

11. Public Relations Committee Update

- Ms. Roe shared that the charter meeting is scheduled for October 20th.
- Ms. Roe to reach out to Ms. Bielmeier on whether there are any plans for charter fairs.
- Website updates have been made to update board members.
- Potential to reach out to the Ferber PTO and principal regarding land swap between Classical and Einstein schools. This stems from a safety meeting that was held back in September (reference September CCSA board meeting minutes) for details.

12. Board Discussion Items

- **Identify action items**

- Mr. Broeckert will send out a strategic plan to staff and incorporate into the next issue of classical columns.
- Ms. Roe follow up on park swap.
- Mr. Sanchez will work to get SCRIP set up.
- Charter contract renewal meeting starts next week (Oct 13).
- **Future meetings**
 - **10/20 AASD Charter School Meeting** - Ms. Roe and Ms. Bielmeier will be in attendance.
 - **11/19 Board Meeting**
 - **staff meetings** - Tuesdays weekly from 3-330, except conference weeks
- **Other board business**
 - none

13. Public Comment -

- Sheri Hartzheim - big thanks to parents, please reach out to her if anyone is interested in recalling the AASD board members.

14. Motion to Adjourn - Mr. Sanchez motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Shober seconded, and all CCSA board members were in favor.