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School Association**

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CCSA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

November 19th, 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 November 19th, 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)** - Seven guests were in attendance including various staff members (Ms. Cihlar, Ms. Crownhart, Ms. Nagreen, Ms. Schroeder, Ms. Kemps, and Ms. Campshure).
- 4. Classical School Mission: *Building a just and excellent educational foundation***
- 5. Public Comment**
 - **Heidi Scott** - Follow up from an email to the CCSA board members, requesting that points be brought up tonight during the meeting as discussion. Feels this is an opportunity for Classical to lead in the community. Concerns about mental health, well being, and educational health of students. Feels teachers are excellent but seeing her children's motivation levels and grades dwindling. Requesting we compare grade point averages from this year to other years. Given the size of the school, feels we can safely request under virtual + option for our families that are looking for in person. Requesting CCSA board to make request to AASD board.
 - Sheri Hartzheim - Virtual + options was presented by AASD as an option to move towards in person learning and that individual schools/principals would be able to request through the district. Asking CCSA board and Mr. Bomann to request AASD in order for Classical to enter back into an in person model given the Virtual + model.
- 6. Items for Approval**
 - **Meeting Agenda** - Ms. VanRyzin motioned to approve the November 19th, 2020 meeting agenda. Mr. Shober seconded the motion and all CCSA board members were in favor.
 - Future meeting dates are left over from previous agenda, should read Jan 14
 - Board recruitment - postpone until after closing public comments to enter into closed session
 - **Meeting Minutes (10/8)** - Mr. Cotti motioned to approve the October 8th, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. VanRyzin and all CCSA board members were in favor.
- 7. Administration & Staff Updates**
 - **Virtual Plus Updates (Bomann)** - Mr. Bomann shared the following information related to Virtual +
 - Different between elementary, middle, and high schools
 - Idea is to give opportunities to students who virtual is quite difficult on their learning
 - phase 1 - 16 students at McKinley - newcomers who didn't know language
 - phase 2 - english/language learners - level 1 or 2 in EL program, student support groups/interventions, things that could not be done at home (ie welding)

- focused on bringing in a limited number of students and would need to be supervised, need at least 2 people in the building at a time when children are present (1 to isolate and the other to supervise), would need to fill a 1.5 paraprofessional
 - would target afternoons and be a limited number of students (~25 students in forum) - essentially would be a study hall forum, could rotate students throughout the days of the week so wouldn't be limited to only 25 students
 - unable to pull back Classical paraprofessionals due to them supporting Y-Care programs at other AASD schools
 - could leverage bringing in counselor for children
 - early indications suggest that safety protocols with the Y-Care programs onsite at AASD schools are working
 - Administrative Leadership team meeting regularly to discuss options for bringing students back in a hybrid type situation
 - Mr. Bomann shared he does not have the authority to bring back as many students as he wants, told that bringing in whole grade levels as part of Virtual + wasn't an option. Would be viewed as an equity issue.
 - Mr. Broeckert raised a question - Are there any board members that would not agree with in person/virtual option for families?
 - feedback shared
 - stability of education - avoid rollercoaster on students and teachers
 - ventilation improvements
 - cold and flu symptoms vs covid symptoms
 - access to testing kits
 - **Staff Member Feedback/Concerns**
 - Ms. Crownhart - Concern raised for compromised teaching staff, want to be proactive in talking with medical professionals to get a plan in place for PPE for staff so we are prepared for when we return to in person school.
 - Mr. Bomann to start preparing a list for PPE by consulting the district.
 - Mr. Sanchez proposed we review and dust off the in person options in an effort to move quickly once given the green light.

8. EPC Updates

- History EPC met once, need to add Ms. Van Ryzin to list.
- Science EPC needs to add virtual option.
- Request for Ms. Roe to re-share which board members are assigned to which EPCs in an effort to ensure awareness of ongoing meetings.

9. Compliance Committee Update (Dugal)

- **Charter Contract Renewal (Broeckert/Cotti)**
 - Mr. Broeckert and Mr. Cotti are working with Sam Hamilton and Melissa Devantier to get a rough draft complete by early December. A couple minor edits are being proposed:
 - clean up contract to simplify language to be more consistent with other charter schools
 - clean up to meet new charter contract template
- **Handbook**
 - Mr. Bomann to share the handbook with CCSA board members for review, provide feedback by the first week of December. Plan to review with staff prior to approval vote, targeting a January vote.
- **Board Recruitment (Roe)**
 - moved to end of meeting
- **Online Charter Application (Broeckert/Roe)**
 - Mr. Broeckert shared that improvements are being made to the application, showing to be better than previous attempts. New form will send an auto reply and avoid duplication of entering information.

10. Finance Committee Update

- **SCRIP (Sanchez/VanRyzin)**
 - Raised \$63 the first week. Mr. Sanchez encourages everyone to try it out.
 - Handed out flyers at picture day and planning a mass email.

11. Public Relations Committee Update (Roe)

- Ms. Roe shared that Charter Fairs will not be held this year. Mr. Bomann is working on a video to put on the website and Facebook. Enrollment begins December 1. Ms. Bielmeier will be setting up some zoom informational sessions for interested families. Ms. Bielmeier will be sharing high school choice communication shortly.

12. Board Discussion Items

- **Identify action items**
 - Mr. Broeckert pull together a newsletter to showcase progress against strategic plan
 - Mr. Bomann to re-share EPC committee member list
- **Future meetings**
 - **10/20 AASD Charter School Meeting**
 - **Next CCSA board meeting** - January 14, 2020
 - Schedule board meetings and/or working sessions as needed in December
- **Other board business - none**

13. Public Comment

- Sheri Hartzheim - requests that CCSA and administration fights for hybrid in person for our school. Requests that CCSA board becomes more acquainted with Virtual + option. Feels Virtual + option would not be equitable so not sure why hybrid option would be considered unequitable. Shared metrics of Kimberly School district for students and staff members. Seek feedback from schools that are in session for best practices. Disappointed with Virtual + options Mr. Bomann shared in the meeting today. Feels board and administration are leaning on crutch and not pushing hard enough for our students.

Moved to closed session - A motion was made by Mr. Cotti to move into closed session to review a potential board candidate. Mr. Shober seconded the motion and all CCSA board members were in favor.

- **Board Recruitment (Roe)**
 - CCSA board reviewed board candidate Scott Layher.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Cotti to move out of closed session, seconded by Ms. VanRyzin, and all CCSA board members were in favor.
 - A motion to approve the new candidate was made by Ms. Roe, seconded by Ms. Van Ryzin, and all CCSA board members were in favor.

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