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**CCSA BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 26, 2021**

**6:30 p.m.**

Zoom video conference

Meeting ID: 143 772 849 / Password 300774 / (312) 626-6799

1. **Call to Order** - Ms. Meisel called the August 26, 2021 meeting of the Classical Charter School Association (CCSA) Board to order.
2. **Roll Call** - Mr. Bomann, Mr. Champaign, Mr. Cotti, Mr. Dugal, Ms. Meisel, Ms. Roe, Mr. Shober, and Ms. Van Ryzin.
3. **Welcome Guest Attendees** - Ms. Crownhart and Ms. Sontag.
4. **Classical School Mission** - *Building a just and excellent educational foundation*
5. **Public Comment – none**
6. **Business Items**
  - a. Agenda: **Motion to approve** (Mr. Cotti / Mr. Dugal): all in favor
  - b. Approval of minutes from May 13, 26, and June 16: **Motion to approve** (Mr. Cotti / Mr. Dugal): all in favor
  - c. Strategic Plan: The updated strategic plan will be updated on the website once revisions from the strategic planning meeting in the summer are approved.
    - i. **Discussion:** The board will need to revisit the strategic plan throughout the year to ensure it is kept “top of mind.” Mr. Cotti asked about check-ins with local legislators to ensure the board is current with legislative changes; he has a meeting scheduled for the last week of August. Mr. Bomann reported that AASD may restart charter liaison meetings. **Motion to approve** strategic plan updates (Ms. Van Ryzin/Mr. Champaign): all in favor
  - d. Update homework “Gimme” proposal for middle school. Concern from teachers is that grade penalties for late homework combined with the requirement that all homework be turned in demotivates students whose work is not on time: Why should students make an effort if they receive zero credit?
    - i. **Proposal** is to set a floor of 50 percent of the original grade for middle school late work.
    - ii. **Discussion:** The proposal is limited to middle school because students have multiple teachers (and so there is a greater chance that particular pieces of homework fall through the cracks). If the proposal works well

in middle school, it may be expanded to upper elementary. This proposal does not change current practice for either students with IEPs or students who need alternative homework arrangements. These situations can be handled on a case-by-case basis as they are now. At present, parents with students who have modified grading are already contacted. This proposal does not cut against Classical's homework expectations, but it does give students who are behind a life boat. **Motion to approve** (Mr. Cotti/Ms. Van Ryzin): all in favor. Mr. Bomann will update the handbook to reflect this change.

7. Administration and Staff Updates

a. AASD COVID protocol update

- i. Somewhat more open than last year – bathrooms are open and some sharing of items allowed. There are currently no provisions for rapid testing. Lunchroom will be used for K and 1st, 2nd grade will be in the classroom, and 3rd through 8th will have the option to eat outside picnic-style, although they may also eat in the Forum.
- ii. The school's HEPA filters continue to work well, and AASD has also increased the building's air changes. It is unlikely that the HEPA air filters will work in the lunchroom because of the room's volume.
- iii. Per AASD policy, masks are required, with special ed or medical exceptions. There is an AASD policy to handle failure to wear masks up to trespassing charges. Mr. Bomann did not anticipate trouble as there was none in the spring.

b. Staff updates

- i. Ms. Grover will teach 7/8 choir but not strings; Ms. Malone will take strings. Classical is looking for two ESR substitutes, who must have a teaching certificate because they are paid using federal funding.
- ii. **Discussion:** Who mentors incoming staff? Classical has a mentoring and buddy system for all new staff members. Staff with previous teaching experience receive a "buddy." Newer teachers meet with Mr. Bomann ½ hour every week.
- iii. Ms. Foley and Ms. Meisel intend to schedule weekly meetings with school administration.

8. Compliance Committee Updates

- a. Compliance Committee meetings will be scheduled for Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. prior to Thursday board meetings.

9. New Business

- a. A board member representative should attend staff meetings. **Mr. Shoher and Ms. Meisel** will coordinate board members attendance.
- b. Scrip participation should be encouraged. **Ms. Van Ryzin** will coordinate board volunteering at the August 31 meet-and-greet. Mr. Bomann confirmed that visitors are now allowed in AASD buildings, and that the board could place a table promoting scrip at the event.
- c. **Ms. Meisel** will send out current Covid protocols.
- d. Mr. Champaign reported that he, Ms. Roe, and Mr. Dugal had started to make

- welcome calls for incoming Classical students. Parents seem appreciative.
- e. Board meetings will continue virtually.
10. Adjournment
- a. **Motion to adjourn** (Ms. Van Ryzin/Mr. Dugal): All in favor; 7:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** September 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.