

THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022, 6:00-9:15 P.M.

LOCATION: NORTH CAMPUS - SECONDARY SCHOOL, 1st

FLOOR, ROOM 1102

The Classical Academy exists to assist parents in their mission to develop exemplary citizens, equipped with analytical thinking skills, virtuous character, and a passion for learning, all built upon a solid foundation of knowledge.



AGENDA

Allotted Time/Start Time

I. Call to Order (6:00 pm)

1 min (6:00) (6:00)

• The Board Chair (Mr. Fradette) called the meeting to order at 6:00

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Mission/Roll Call

2 min (6:01) (6:01)

• Roll call: (Dr. Andre; Here // Mr. Fradette; Here // Mr. Hannan; Here // Mrs. Johnson; Here // Mr. Palmer; Here // Mr. Williams; Here // Mrs. Wittleder; Here). A quorum was present.

III. Approval of Agenda

2 min (6:03) (6:03)

- Motion: Mr. Hannan moved to approve the agenda and was seconded.
- Discussion: None
- Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mr. Williams; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea)
- IV. Celebrate TCA (Past and Present North Campus Crossing Guards)

5 min (6:05) (6:04)

Action: (Harris) Motion: (Info)

Rationale: to highlight accomplishments of TCA students, staff, and parents

- We celebrated our beloved North Campus crossing guards Peggy Gordon and the late Mel Proffitt. TCA is very thankful for the longevity, commitment, and impact both servants have had on our community.
- We also thanked many in our operations staff who have stepped up on a regular basis to help fill the current crossing guard vacancies.

V. Meet the Board Candidates for the 2022 TCA Election

20 min (6:10) (6:10)

Action: (Fradette)
Motion: (Discussion)

Rationale: to meet the new Board candidates and allow the Board to ask them questions

- Voting for this year's TCA Board of Directors started on March 14th and will continue through April 1st. The three candidates for the Board of Directors (Terence Andre, Tim Hannan, and Kelli Hawkins) each answered questions from the Board and Dr. Sojourner.
- VI. Comments from the Audience (Audience members have 3 minutes to address the Board) 10 min (6:30) (6:31) (NOTE: Per procedural rules if more than one person is speaking on the same topic we request that one or two specific spokespersons speak on behalf of the group)
 - None.

VII. Comments from the Board of Directors

10 min (6:40) (6:32)

- Mrs. Wittleder: Encouraged parents/staff to take the VIA Character Traits Questionnaire
- Mr. Hannan: Praised the North PTO for the way they recently hosted the Board election candidates
- Mrs. Johnson: Encouraged the Board to continue building relationships and working together
- Mr. Fradette: Enjoyed the 4th grade event held in the North elementary gym
- Dr. Andre: Thanked Mr. Erickson for making the Erickson Titans Sports Complex a reality
- Mr. Williams: Thanked the Board candidates for running for the Board; it's hard work
- Mr. Palmer: Highlighted the Band Chili Cook Off and our exceptional band

Action: (Jolly, DiPretore)

Motion: (Info)

 Discussed how character lessons at the Junior High are developed, presented, and incorporated into school lesson plans and activities

Rationale: to reinforce good practices of effective school boards and to better understand TCA values

IX. Legal Update/Training

Action: (Miller)
Motion: (Info)

Rationale: to update the Board on Colorado Legislative actions

- Discussed the following items of interest:
 - o Special education legislation working its way through the legislature
 - o Reviewed Sunshine Laws and open meetings; when to post meetings
 - o Board members and committee composition

X. Report of the President & Cabinet Spotlights

15 min (7:15) (7:25)

10 min (7:05) (7:02)

Action: (Sojourner)
Motion: (Info)

Rationale: to highlight cabinet activities (Pres., Ops, Academics, HR, Finance)

- Dr. Sojourner highlighted the following items from his report
 - o Reviewed timeline of events to reinstitute Digital Health Initiative
 - Discussed sending out quotes by Mr. and Mrs. Kretchman to begin emphasizing "Remembering our Roots" to mark TCA's 25th anniversary next year
 - Talked about the grand opening of the Erickson Titans Sports Complex on March 12, 2022; it is about making lasting relationships

XI. Consent Agenda

3 min (7:30) (7:46)

Board Directed items to be removed from Consent Agenda:

Motion: (Vote) to file the Consent Agenda

- A. Finance (VanGampleare)
 - 1. January Financials
 - 2. Internal Financial Control Report
 - 3. Revenue Projection/Student Count Estimate for Next FY
- B. SAC Minutes
 - 1. CSP/CP; February 15, 2022
 - 2. North Elementary; February 22, 2022
 - a. North Elementary SAC Resource Priorities
 - 3. High School; February 24, 2022
 - 4. Central Elementary; February 28, 2022
- C. Scott Palmer Documents
 - 1. Signed Board Agreement
 - 2. Executive Session Affidavit
- D. Board Policy Review
 - 1. KCD-TCA Board Philosophy on Advancement
 - Motion: Mr. Hannan moved to file the Consent Agenda and was seconded.
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mr. Williams; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea)

XII. Minutes: February 15, 2022

2 min (7:33) (7:47)

Action: (Swanson)

Motion: (Vote) to approve the February 15, 2022 minutes Rationale: to provide a record of the Board meeting for files

- Motion: Mr. Williams moved to approve the February 15, 2022 minutes and was seconded...
- Discussion: None
- Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mr. Williams; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea)

Break 10 min (7:35) (7:48)

XIII. Discussion Agenda Items

- A. Items removed from Consent Agenda
- B. Cabinet Level Reports
 - 1. Curriculum Review/Textbook Review (Elementary) History and Science 10 min (7:45) (7:58) Action: (Jolly)

Motion: (Vote) to approve the recommendation for the elementary history and science curriculum review

Rationale: to review elementary curriculum/textbook changes for history and science

- Motion: Mr. Williams moved to approve the recommendation for the elementary history and science curriculum review and was seconded.
- Discussion:
 - o Parents still had a chance to review the books: there were no comments
 - It will cost about \$280,000 to purchase the new materials
- Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mr. Williams; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea)

2. Curriculum Review/Textbook Review (Secondary) History and Social Sciences

10 min (7:55) (8:08)

Action: (Jolly)
Motion: (1st Read)

Rationale: to review secondary curriculum/textbook changes for history and social sciences

- The Secondary curriculum review recommendations for history were presented and discussed.
 - Over the past eight months, our secondary history teachers, administrators, and parents have evaluated numerous curricula.
 - The new textbooks that are up for consideration will be available to look at and evaluate from March 15th – April 8th.
 - Books that will be used exclusively at traditional secondary will be available in the North High School office and books that will be used exclusively at College Pathways will be available in the College Pathways office.

C. Board Level Reports

1. April Working Session Topics

5 min (8:05) (8:22)

Action: (Fradette)
Motion: (Discussion)

Rationale: to determine working session topics for discussion
The Board cancelled the April 25, 2022 Working Session.

2. EAC Update

5 min (8:10) (8:24)

Action: (Hannan) Motion: (Discussion)

Rationale: To hear about EAC activities during the legislative session

- Mr. Hannan discussed that the relationship between TCA and the EAC is important
- The EAC had an impact on amending the ultimately defeated HB1066; originally would have required all classroom materials to be posted on school websites

3. Board Budget for 2022-2023

10 min (8:15) (8:27)

Action: (Hannan)

Motion: (Vote) to approve the Board Budget for 2022-2023

Rationale: to review and approve the Board's budget for the 2022-2023 school year

- Motion: Mr. Hannan moved to approve the Board Budget for 2022-2023 and was seconded.
- Discussion:
 - Discussed Board Election costs
 - o Budget included full funding for the EAC
- Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mr. Williams; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea)

4. Approve Next Year's Board Meeting Schedule

5 min (8:25) (8:34)

Action: (Fradette) Motion: (1st Read)

Rationale: to review and approve next year's Board meeting schedule

• No discussion at this point

5. Review Board Evaluation Questions

5 min (8:30) (8:35)

Action: (Fradette)
Motion: (Discussion)

Rationale: to determine if any new questions should be added to the Board's Self Evaluation

- The Governance Committee recommended changes/additions to the following questions:
 - o Changes to questions: 16, 35, 36, 37, 38,
 - o Added questions: 36, 40, 41, 42, 43
- Emphasized the comments are important when completing the Board Self Evaluation
- If Board members want to make any more changes, please send them to Bob Swanson by this Wednesday

6. Replace PR-TCA Emergency/Pandemic Response Protocols with ECR-TCA 10 min (8:35) (8:41) Emergency/Crisis Response Policy

Action: (Fradette)
Motion: (1st Read)

Rationale: to review and replace Pandemic Response Committee Policy

- The Governance Committee presented ECR-TCA that would replace PR-TCA
 - Events and climate have changed since introducing PR-TCA, therefore it seemed prudent to replace PR-TCA with a more general policy to respond to future emergencies that may occur at TCA.
 - o ECR-TCA provides general overarching guidance and procedures should another emergency impact TCA.

D. Board Communication

5 min (8:45) (8:51)

Action: (Secretary)

Rationale: to develop and approve of communication update to community

- Celebrate TCA
- Board Election
- Curriculum Review
- Erickson Titan Sports Complex

E Future Board Agenda Items

5 min (8:50) (8:56)

- 1. Announce Board of Director Election Results, Info, Fradette, Apr
- 2. 5 Year Plan Budget Projection, Info, VanGampleare, Apr
- 3. Approve Next Year's Board Meeting Schedule, Vote, Fradette, Apr
- 4. Approve Board Strategic Calendar, Vote, Fradette, Apr
- 5. Student Fee Schedule, 1st Read, Jolly, Apr
- **6.** Annual Staff Climate Survey, Info, Schulz, Apr
- 7. Curriculum Review/Textbook Review (Secondary), Vote, Jolly, Apr
- **8.** Initiate Board Annual Evaluation Process, Info, Fradette, Apr
- 9. July Board Working Session Topics, Disc, Fradette, Apr

F. Comments from the Board of Directors

5 min (8:55) (8:57)

• Mrs. Wittleder: Thanked Mr. Jolly for the extensive process to review textbook and curriculum for elementary and secondary programs

G. Executive Session (President's Bi Annual Feedback)

15 min (9:00) (8:59)

Action: (Fradette)

Motion: to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) TCA President interim feedback Rationale: to provide TCA President with Bi-annual feedback from the TCA Board

- Motion: Mr. Hannan moved to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) TCA President interim feedback and was seconded.
- Discussion: None
- Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mr. Williams; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea)

XIV. Adjournment (Approx. (9:15 p.m.)

(9:15)(9:20)

- Motion: Mr. Fradette moved to move adjourn the meeting and was seconded.
- Discussion: None
- Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mr. Williams; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea)