

The Classical Academy
975 Stout Road
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Board of Directors Meeting
North Campus
Monday, December 8, 2008

- I. Call to Order. Chairman Matt Carpenter called the open session to order at 5:35p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call
 - A. Matt Carpenter led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - B. Roll Call. The following Directors were present: Steve Pope, Clark Miller, Vance Brown, Jim Kretchman, and Lisa Sutton. Chris Bender via telecom. Also present: Mark Hyatt, President.

Moved by Vance Brown, seconded by Jim Kretchman, to adjourn to executive session per C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b,f,h) at 5:35pm, for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Roll Call. Approved by unanimous vote.

III. Executive Session - per C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), for the purpose of a conference with an attorney, per C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(f), for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, and per C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(h), discussion of individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved.

Moved by Steve Pope, seconded by Jim Kretchman, to adjourn to public session at 10:13pm. Roll Call. Approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Comments

A. From the Audience

Susan Thayer requested the Board to reinstate her daughter, currently a sophomore at Falcon High School, D-49, as a TCA student. Susan's son graduated from TCA in 2008; her daughter previously attended TCA prior to departing around Spring Break of her freshman year. Her daughter wanted to experience a different school and now realized what she had at TCA. The Thayer Family has always lived in D-49 and the TCA Withdrawal Policy (TCA Policy # 246-05) was explained when their daughter left TCA.


Matt Carpenter thanked Susan for her presentation, saying the Board will discuss her request and reply to her.

Kelly McCue, a TCA parent with children in 10th grade, thanked the Board and Administration for all they did for TCA. Kelly explained that she and her family went to great lengths to join TCA. She heard about TCA and added her children to the Wait List, home schooling then joining TCA as full time students in 7th grade. Kelly's son and daughter were both at New Life Church during the shooting in December 2007 and have experienced stress since the event. This prompted Kelly to request the Board to have a meeting on safety at TCA, especially since New Life Church is within miles of TCA. Kelly insisted TCA needs to do whatever they have to do to implement safety measures at the schools, such as hiring a security officer, adding gates to lock the hallways, and ensuring all doors are locked. Kelly requested to be added to the January Board Meeting Agenda.

Mark Hyatt added that the President's number one initiative for the 2008-2009 school year is "safety." Matt emphasized that safety is important to TCA and the Board has faith and trust in the Administration and their vigilance in assuring the safety and security of the staff, teachers, and students.

The Board requested an update from Mark on that anything that may be pressing financially, or with the capital campaign or North Campus construction. Mark replied he met with D-20 to discuss the current economic

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conditions and how it affects the Mill Levy Override funds; the District projects the ramp up slope to the \$1.8M annual funds TCA will receive will be slower. At the same time, the positive feedback Mark received from the 1.5% bonus the TCA staff and faculty received in their November paychecks was overwhelming. He plans to recommend implementing Phase 1 of the pay increase in summer 2009 while deferring building out the first floor of the North Campus trying to maintain a margin for less funds initially through the MLO. The Administration will present estimates of funding building the gym first vice the first floor at the January Board Meeting. The focus will stay on trying to build the East Campus at PPCC under budget and ahead of schedule. Mark recommends selling the Scarborough property as soon as possible to assist in getting the loan for building the North Campus gym to community specifications.

Lisa Sutton encouraged the Administration to continue open meetings and communication on the design of the new North Campus gym.

Matt Carpenter concluded the meeting by moving the December Agenda Items to the January Board Meeting, and asked everyone to be safe driving home.

VII. Adjournment

Moved by Vance Brown, seconded by Lisa Sutton, to adjourn meeting at 10:51pm. Roll Call. Approved by unanimous vote.