

The Classical Academy  
975 Stout Road  
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Board of Directors Meeting  
North Campus  
Monday, October 4, 2010

I. Call to Order (6:00pm)

Chairman Steve Pope called the meeting to order at 6:10pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Board members present were Steve Pope, Jim Woody, Jim Kretchman and Ron Mast. Kirk Cameron will be dialing in via phone, Matt Carpenter will be arriving later, and Lisa Sutton is excused.

Kirk Cameron joined the meeting via phone at 6:17pm.

III. Comments

- a. Comments from the Audience

Est. Time: 5 mins

IV. Consent Agenda Items

Est. Time: 5 mins

- a. Admin/Ops Summary Report  
b. Safety and Security Update  
c. CSAP Review Elementary and Secondary  
d. August Financials  
e. Minutes: September 13, 2010

Jim Kretchman asked for the Safety and Security be removed from the consent agenda and be placed on the agenda between A and B.

*Moved by Ron Mast, seconded by Jim Woody, to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the Safety and Security update, at 6:11pm. Roll Call. Approved by unanimous vote.*

V. Discussion Agenda Items

- a. Core Values Update

i. Drill Down on part of our Core Values

ii. A deeper philosophical presentation and discussion around a Core Value.

iii. Board intends to hold these types of discussions at each regular board meeting.

iv. Presenter: Jim Kretchman

For: Discussion

Est. Time: 20 mins

Jim Kretchman shared the possible format that in the future individuals might follow for presenting information from the Core Values.

Matt Carpenter joined the meeting at 6:23pm

Jim Kretchman shared that many parents said that one of the things about TCA that they like is that they are able to be kids longer. He said that part of childhood is for children to be exposed to the world around them and also what is hopeful and inspiring within the world today.

Steve Pope reviewed the main points that Jim Kretchman had shared. They were a sense of security, optimism, and sense of wonder.

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Kirk Cameron pointed out the importance of that core values are taught not caught, and also that this important information needs to be communicated to the parents within the community. He also said that there needs to be families who model these values at home to help get this information into the community.

The board discussed the importance of allowing students to be kids longer and how this would actually be seen in the culture at TCA.

Matt Carpenter said that he would like see an advocate look into what at TCA allows kids to be kids longer.

b. Safety and Security Update

i. Review the Security report

ii. Presenter: Kevin Collins

For: Discussion

Est Time: 15 mins

Kevin Collins said that this was a quick two page summary from the Security report from Larry Borland. He reviewed what they have completed so far and are currently working on. The summary document also includes items that they would like to be done, but due to lack of budget are unable to be completed.

c. Budget & Finances: 2011-12 and beyond

i. Update Board on latest information regarding on State funding, student fees, projected October count, and College Pathways FTE.

ii. Communication Plans to TCA Community

iii. Presenter: Mark VanGamble/David Bohn For: Discussion

Est Time: 20 mins

Mark VanGamble told the board that there will not be an update on the funding from the state until after the first of they year. He reviewed the October count with the board. He said that the October count came in better then what they had originally projected.

d. Communication to TCA Community regarding 2011-12 Funding Changes

i. Discuss Communication Plans regarding impacts of Amendments 60 & 61, Proposition 101 , Financial changes ahead (Student Fees, etc.), Summary of past (e.g. 3A, Teacher pay sacrifices), Communication Methods (e.g. Titan Times, Teachers, etc.), and Timeline.

ii. Presenter: David B / Steve P / Jim K

For: Discussion

Est Time: 40 mins

The board began reviewing the documentation and letter that will be sent out to parents regarding the financial situation of TCA. They shared that they felt the Board letter needed to precede the letter from the President because is could be shared from a heart of we need to do something versus "you" need to do something.

Jim Woody shared that he had reviewed the impact on proposed amendments 60 and 61 and proposed proposition 101. He created a handout for the board and said that these would have a very negative impact on the TCA community.

The board then reviewed the cons against these proposed amendments and the impact that they could bring to TCA.

Jim Kretchman asked if we could just say that we support D20 and then point them to the districts information and resolution that they have already created.

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The board proposed that the letter to the community regarding 60, 61, and 101 be sent out to the parents by the October 12<sup>th</sup> and the letter to the parents regarding the current financial situation be sent out by the end of this week to be followed by Dr. David Bohn's letter in two to three weeks. Both of these letters would be sent out via the postal service and then followed by email.

- e. TCA North Campus Drainage / Mitigation Plans & Status
  - i. Presenter: Kevin Collins / David Bohn For: Discussion Est Time: 10 mins

Kirk Cameron had a question regarding the drainage system for Kevin Collins.

Kevin Collins reviewed some of details of what has been decided to date and who will be responsible for paying for updates and changes.

- f. BREAK Est Time: 10 mins

Chairman Steve Pope called a break at 8:34pm. Returned from break at 8:48pm.

- g. Board Subcommittees for 2010-11
  - i. Item: How to best get regular updates from and give guidance to 2010-11 Sub-Committees: Board Structure, Board Training, Strategic Planning, and Appreciation.
  - ii. Presenter: Steve Pope For: Discussion Est. Time: 10 mins

Steve Pope shared with the board that he had completed updating the list of the committees that the board are currently serving on and that it would be placed on the website.

Dr David Bohn gave a quick update on the objectives that were obtained at the strategic planning committee and the timeline that was projected.

The board discussed that they would like to have the minutes emailed to them so that they are able to stay up on the committee's progress.

- h. Board Structure Committee Update
  - i. Item: Provide status update and initial recommendations.
  - ii. Presenter: Steve Pope / Jim Kretchman For: Discussion Est. Time: 15 mins

Steve Pope and Jim Kretchman decided to meet on Saturday to discuss possible changes to the board structure.

- i. Board Training Committee Update
  - i. Item: Provide update and initial recommendations.
  - ii. Presenter: Matt Carpenter / Jim Woody For: Discussion Est. Time: 10 mins

Matt Carpenter said the handout was items that would be placed in a training binder and online. He said that if there were additional items that the board would like to see added to this list to email him and Jim Woody that information.



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*Moved by Kirk Cameron, seconded by Matt Carpenter, to adjourn the meeting at 10:33pm. Roll Call. Approved by unanimous vote.*

Meeting was adjourned at 10:33pm.