



THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016, 7:00-9:00 P.M.

LOCATION: COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY BUILDING (NEXT TO THE TCA NORTH CAMPUS) 790 STOUT ROAD, COLORADO SPRINGS, 80921

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

Presentation/Question Time/Start Time

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| I. Call to Order (7:00 p.m.) | 1 min (7:00) (7:00) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. LaValley (Board Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. | |
| II. Pledge of Allegiance/Mission/Roll Call | 5 min (7:01) (7:01) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roll call: (Mr. Carter; Here, //Mr. Dubois; Here //Dr. Harrington; Here // Dr. Jennings; Here // Mr. LaValley; Here // Mr. Moulton; Here // Mr. Rudder; Here) | |
| III. Approval of Agenda | 5 min (7:06) (7:03) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion: Mr. Moulton moved to approve the agenda and was 2nd.• Discussion: None• Vote: <u>Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Carter; Yea // Mr. Dubois; Yea // Dr. Harrington; Yea // Dr. Jennings; Yea // Mr. LaValley; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)</u> | |
| IV. Character Education at TCA: Current Efforts and Future Plans | 1 hour 49 min (7:11) (7:05) |
| Action: Sojourner
Motion: (Info)
Rationale: To provide the Board with an update on how TCA's character education program is integrated into each of our seven schools. Our seven school principals and Director of Character Education will each provide an overview of current character development efforts and Core Values integration into all aspects of our academic curriculum and school culture. Additionally, staff will discuss areas of growth, future strategy, plans, and ideas regarding data-supported assessment of program effectiveness. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Sojourner began the discussion with an overview of the purpose behind the meeting: To give the Board a glimpse into what TCA currently does with regards to its character program and ideas to improve the program.• Each of the C3I (Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Galvin, and Mrs. Brown discussed the current programs at each grade level (elementary, junior high, high school) and each principal (Mr. Stump, Mrs. DeMeyer, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Nosal, Mr. DiPretore, Mr. Shields, and Mr. Wright) discussed what they felt were key elements occurring at their own schools to reinforce the overall character program at TCA.• Mr. Jolly summed up the presentations by noting that TCA already has inputs into the success or failure of the character program with student surveys and parent surveys. It will be important to determine the measures to select that actually tell us how well we are doing (there will be subjective as well as objective indicators). | |

- The Board made the following observations:
 - Encouraged that TCA is doing great things in regards to implementing our character program.
 - Need to make sure we are able to tell the TCA character stories.
 - It will be important to be able to describe our program on paper.
 - It is nice to live in a world that focuses on the positives rather than the negative.
 - Want to make sure character is integrated across the curriculum from K-12th grade with the same intensity.
 - It was good to hear that coaches were included in the character discussions at the secondary level.
 - We could look at our anti-bulling efforts and uniform enforcement as measures to our character program.
 - Is our character program spreading our efforts too thin.
 - When looking at the assessment piece we should look at the input, process, and expected outputs.
 - It seemed that there were many practices unique to each school as well as some practices that were common across the schools. We want to make sure we identify the best practices that could be used at each school and benefit the most students.
 - Important to look at our core values and strategic plan to see how character will enhance our curriculum in the future.
- A compilation of the comments and presentations can be found at Attachment 1.

V. **Adjournment** (Approx. 9:00 p.m.)

(9:00) (9:17)

- **Motion: Mr. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting and was 2nd.**
- Discussion: None
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Carter; Yea // Mr. Dubois; Yea // Dr. Harrington; Yea // Dr. Jennings; Yea // Mr. LaValley; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

Attachment:

- 1) Compilation of Character Presentations