



THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020, 6:00-7:59 P.M.

NORTH CAMPUS — SECONDARY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM (TITAN ROOMS A AND B, 1ST FLOOR)

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.

MINUTES

	Discussion/Start Time
I. Call to Order	1 min (6:00) (6:00)
• The Chair (Mr. Moulton) called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm	
II. Pledge of Allegiance/Mission/Roll Call	2 min (6:01) (6:01)
• Roll call: (Dr. Andre; Here (On the Phone) // Mr. Bennett; Here // Mrs. Goin; Here // Mr. Hannan; Here // Ms. Littleton; Here // Mr. Moulton; Here // Mr. Rudder; Here) A quorum was present.	
III. Approval of Agenda	2 min (6:03) (6:02)
• Motion: Mr. Rudder moved to approve the agenda and was seconded.	
• Discussion: None	
• <u>Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)</u>	
IV. Celebrate TCA (Junior High's Student Chef Competition and Winners)	10 min (6:05) (6:03)
Action: (Harris)	
Motion: (Info)	
Rationale: to highlight accomplishments of TCA students, staff, and parents	
• We celebrated the winners from the Secondary Chef Competition organized by TCA's Secondary Librarian, Mrs. Davenport.	
• Twelve Secondary students competed with submissions of appetizers, main dishes and desserts. The winners described their creations and shared how much they enjoyed the feast after the friendly competition.	
V. Comments from the Audience (Audience members have 5 minutes to address the Board)	5 min (6:15) (6:05)
(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)	
• Mr. John Burgess (TCA parent) asked the Board to consider various points of view before completely banning cell phone use.	
VI. Comments from the Board of Directors	5 min (6:20) (6:14)
• Mrs. Goin: Met with Charter School Advocacy Group and they are making strides	
• Mr. Moulton: Charter School Advocacy Group moving towards creating a mission statement aimed at combating the myths about Charter Schools as well as conveying the truths about Charter Schools; met with JH SAC who were generally in favor of further restricting cell phone use	
• Ms. Littleton: Commented that it was good to have a link to previous Digital Health town hall meeting movie clips when sending information out about cell phone use	
• Dr. Andre: Had a positive response from his son in 7 th grade CP about reducing cell phone use	
VII. Board Development (Legislative Update)	10 min (6:25) (6:21)
Action: (Miller)	
Motion: (Info)	
Rationale: to review current legislative initiatives/activities at the state and/or to provide applicable Board level training	
• Mr. Miller discussed three major legislative themes forming at the state:	
o Rise of student mental health needs	
o Early childhood education	
o Normalize standard approach to education	

- Many legislative bills will target Charter Schools and their teachers to remove safeguards that allow Charter Schools to be unique and work independently of public schools
- Importance of lobbying to influence lawmaker decisions

VIII. **Report of the President & Cabinet Spotlights** 10 min (6:35) (6:41)

Action: (Sojourner)

Motion: (Info)

Rationale: to highlight cabinet activities (Pres., Ops, Academic Services, HR, and Advancement).

- **Dr. Sojourner (on the phone) highlighted the following items from his report:**
 - Colorado League of Charter School (CLCS) Talking Paper concerning Leadership Summit
 - 70 Charter School leaders attended the Leadership Summit
 - CLCS concerned about the amount of legislation harmful to charter schools
 - There is a need to energize/activate community leaders and parents about Charter Schools
 - Lobby efforts may be in order
 - March 2, 2020 Digital Health Town Hall
 - Expect a large turnout
 - Has been getting feedback from HS students (Source of Strength, Student Leadership, etc.)

IX. **Consent Agenda** 2 min (6:45) (6:53)

Board Directed items to be removed from Consent Agenda:

Motion: (Vote) to accept the Consent Agenda

A. Finance

1. December Financials (VanGambleare)
2. Quarterly Financial Report (VanGambleare)

B. Board Policies

1. BBB-TCA Board Election and Appointment Policy

C. SAC Minutes

1. East Elementary, January 27, 2020

- **Motion: Ms. Littleton moved to approve the consent agenda with the following change and was seconded:**

- **Remove Item IX.B.1. BBB-TCA Board Election and Appointment Policy for further discussion**

- Discussion: None

- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

X. **Minutes: January 14, 2020** 2 min (6:47) (6:55)

Action: (Swanson)

Motion: (Vote) to approve the minutes for Jan 14, 2020

Rationale: to review and approve the minutes

- **Motion: Mr. Rudder moved to approve the January 14, 2020 minutes and was seconded.**
- Discussion: None
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

XI. **Discussion Agenda Items**

A. **Items removed from Consent Agenda**

1. **BBB-TCA Board Election Policy** (6:56)

- **Motion: Ms. Littleton moved to approve the recommendation to add “recommended 20 minute interview per candidate” to the policy and was seconded.**
- Discussion: Recommend changing wording from ...20 minute interviews per candidate to “with a recommended 20 minute interview per candidate”.
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

B. **Cabinet Level Reports**

1. **Curriculum Review/Text Review (Elementary)** 15 min (6:49) (6:59)

Action: (Jolly)

Motion: (1st Read)

Rationale: to review changes to the elementary curriculum

- Jennifer Walker, Elementary Dean of Educational Philosophy, shared the Elementary math curriculum review recommendations for next year.
- After nearly a year of deliberation and research from Administration, the Educational Philosophy Team, parents, and teacher representatives from each grade, it was unanimously recommended to the Board that we adopt the Dimensions Singapore math program for Kindergarten through 6th grade.
- The recommended curriculum items will be available for the TCA community to review from now until February 28 in each of the elementary offices.
- The Board will vote on the recommended curriculum changes during the March 9 board meeting.

2. **Operations Capital Construction Report (Monthly)** 5 min (7:04) (7:28)

Action: (Pacht)

Motion: (Info)

Rationale: to provide the Board with a construction update

- Finalizing design to be the best value for TCA
- Next month, a first read of the GMP will be presented

3. **Annual Facility Master Plan Report/Deferred Maintenance Plans and Costs** 10 min (7:09) (7:31)

Action: (Pacht)

Motion: (Info)

Rationale: to review the capital construction projects and priorities for TCA

- Mr. Pacht highlighted the following areas from his report:
 - Plans to create administration offices on the 3rd floor of North Campus
 - Relief from Prebble Mouse area and plans for building in that area
 - Land swap proposal between the city and TCA (Waiting for land value assessment)

C. Board Level Reports

1. **Announce Board of Director Candidates** 5 min (7:19) (7:48)

Action: (Moulton)

Motion: (Vote) to approve not holding an election this year based upon having two candidates for two open seats on the TCA Board in accordance with the TCA Bylaws and TCA Election Policy.

- **Motion: Ms. Littleton moved to approve not holding an election this year based upon having two candidates for two open seats on the TCA Board in accordance with the TCA Bylaws and TCA Election Policy and was seconded.**
- Discussion: As of 4:00 pm on February 6, 2020 there were three candidate packages turned in to the Board Clerk. Of the three, one was withdrawn leaving only two Board Candidate Packages to fill two vacant seats on the Board.
 - The Board decided not to have an election.
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

Motion: (Vote) to appoint Mr. James Fradette and Mrs. Teri Goin to the TCA Board of Directors for a three year term.

- **Motion: Mr. Bennett moved to appoint Mr. James Fradette and Mrs. Teri Goin to the TCA Board of Directors for a three year term and was seconded.**
- Discussion: Board Candidate packages for Mr. Fradette and Mrs. Goin were the only packages turned in for this year's TCA election.
 - The Board decided to appoint both candidates.
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

Rationale: to announce candidates for this year's TCA Board Election and to appoint them to the Board rather than have an election

2. **BMAC Makes Recommendation to Board for Appointed Position** 5 min (7:24) (7:56)

Action: (Moulton)

Motion: (Vote) to approve the BMAC's recommendation of Dr. Mark Mayfield as a Candidate to be appointed to the TCA Board of Directors

Rationale: to recommend one well qualified candidates to the TCA Board for consideration for the one appointed Board position

- **Motion: Mr. Bennett moved to approve the BMAC's recommendation of Dr. Mark Mayfield as a Candidate to be appointed to the TCA Board of Directors.**
- Discussion: Dr. Mayfield will appear before the entire Board on March 9, 2020 for an interview.
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

3. **Board Budget for 2020-2021** 5 min (7:29) (8:00)

Action: (Goin)

Motion: (1st Read)

Rationale: to review the Board's budget for the 2018-2019 school year

- Will consider adding a line item to fund lobbying costs to the Board budget

4. **Digital Health Philosophy** 5 min (7:34) (8:05)

Action: (Goin, Sojourner)

Motion: (Vote) to approve the Board's Digital Health Philosophy Statement

Rationale: to review and approve the TCA Board's Digital Health Philosophy Statement

- **Motion: Ms. Littleton moved to approve the Board's Digital Health Philosophy Statement and was seconded.**

- Discussion: None.
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

5. **March 2 Board Special Meeting Agenda** 5 min (7:39) (8:10)

Action: (Moulton)

Motion: (Discussion)

Rationale: to review topic for the March 2 Special Meeting

- Change from a Special Meeting to a Town Hall
- Take more time to organize parent question/comment cards
- Mr. Moulton will lead off the conversation, with Dr. Sojourner providing some brief comments, followed by handing out cards to attendees for questions/comments

D. **Board Communication** 5 min (7:44) (8:16)

Action: Secretary

Rationale: to develop and approve of communication update to community and to update the Board on e-mail traffic and distribution

- Celebrate TCA
- March Digital Health Meeting
- New Board members
- Math Curriculum change

E. **Future Board Agenda Items** 5 min (7:49) (8:18)

1. Board Budget, Mar, Vote, Goin
2. Meet the Board Candidates, Mar, Discussion, Moulton
3. Revenue Projection/Student Count Estimate, Mar, Info, VanGambleare
4. Internal Financial Control Report, Mar, VanGambleare
5. Curriculum Review/Text Review (Elementary), Mar, Vote, Jolly
6. Curriculum Review/Text Review (Secondary), Mar, 1st Read, Jolly
7. President Bi-Annual Feedback, Mar, Board Executive Session, Moulton
8. Quarterly FAC Report, Mar, Info, Goin
9. Approve Next Year's Board Meeting Schedule, Mar, 1st Read, Moulton
10. Review Board Evaluation Questions, Mar, Discussion, Moulton
11. Board Candidate Meet the Board and Community, Mar, Discussion, Moulton
12. Interview Candidates for Board Appointment, Mar, Vote, Moulton

F. **Closing Comments from the Board** 5 min (7:54) (8:19)

- No comments from the Board

XII. **Adjournment** (Approx. 7:59 p.m.)

(7:59) (8:20)

- **Motion: Ms. Littleton moved to 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. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**