



# NAPLES

CLASSICAL ACADEMY

## Naples Classical Academy (NCA)

Minutes for REGULAR Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 22, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

Location: 10270 Immokalee Rd, Naples, FL 34120

	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
1	Mr. Derrick Ayers	Vice Chair		✓		
2	Mr. Timothy Hall	Treasurer		✓		
3	Mr. Matthew Mathias	Board Chair	✓			
4	Dr. Holly Miller	Secretary	✓			
5	Dr. Mark Russo	Director		✓		
6	Mr. William Truog	Director	✓			

School Personnel in Attendance:	OptimaED Personnel in Attendance:	Guests in Attendance:
Mr. Ronald Garcia, Head of School	Mrs. Erika Donalds	
Mr. Jason Ricciardelli, School Operations Manager	Mr. Alberto Cardenas	
	Mrs. Susan Turner	

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Mr. Mathias.
2. Attendance roll call conducted by Mr. Mathias
3. Agenda Adoption – Nonvoting items will be moved to the next board meeting since there is no quorum.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2/8/23 – moved to next meeting
5. Board Chair Report – Mr. Mathias reported on the progress of structing a land condominium. The documents are almost complete. Celebree is working with developers to obtain the best pricing on their project. Three other potential early learning centers have been identified if the need arises. A potential board member has approached with interest and determination will be made at a future meeting. Mr. Mathias spoke to Mr. Farkas, who confirmed his financial commitment to the school.
6. Public Comment
  - a. None
7. Review of authorizer unique correspondence (written notice from Collier County Public Schools) – None
8. Head of School's Report – Mr. Garcia noted that all staff have received first aid training. Hillsdale College has been invited to visit again this year. Dr. Rochefort attended the Classical Learning Test conference. Mr. Garcia is working through Teach Like a Champion with faculty and evaluations continue. Reciting the pledge in Latin has started with some lower school students. GPA awards will be issued at the end of the year. Senior trip is in the works. Tim Moshier, board member from CCPS, will be visiting the school soon.
9. School Operation Manager's Report – Mr. Ricciardelli reported on safety and security, clinic and wellness, and clubs. A new Facility Manager was hired. Aramark ended March 1, 2023. Two evening

custodians were hired, and two day custodians were hired from Aramark crew. Etched pavers were installed on the front entryway. Deep floor cleaning occurred during spring break. PTC has done an incredible job on upcoming fundraiser.

10. OptimaEd Report – Mrs. Turner reported on enrollment, lottery, grants, Boosterthon, and academic guidance. Mr. Mathias noted that ClassWallet will be implemented for teacher supplies up to \$700 per teacher, after the distribution of Boosterthon proceeds for stipends to teachers who covered classes. Dr. Miller noted that the Boosterthon proceeds will be fully expended this fiscal year on compensating teachers for class coverage and for teacher supplies. Optima will work with HR and administration to determine compensation for substituting compensation. Board would like more detail on open and accepted positions.

11. Financial Report July-February 2022 – (no vote)

- a. Balance Sheet
- b. Budget vs. Actual
- c. Profit and Loss Statement
- d. Cash Flow Statement
- e. Budget vs. Actual Causals
- f. Bank Statements

12. Board Committee Reports- none

13. Unfinished Business

- a. Real Estate Update – Mr. Mathias reported on this topic earlier.

14. New Business

- a. 23-24 Academic Calendar (no vote)
- b. 22-23 and 23-24 School Resource Officer MOU (no vote)
- c. Policy Updates – none
- d. PTC Report – Mrs. Zak and the PTC team have worked to implement teacher appreciation events both in school and at outside events. The 5K was a success and raised \$1800, although the goal of the event was community development. Spirit nights have been well-attended. Vendors and sponsors have been identified for the Renaissance Festival. A generous family has donated a ticketing system for the event and waived the setup fees. Raise Craze update will be provided next month. The fundraiser will be intended for outdoor shade. Events in the works for next year include a science garden and welcome back event.

15. Board Comments

- a. Board asked about Christmas tree and Mrs. Zak and Mr. Garcia explained the tree's significance.
- b. Dr. Miller appreciated the D.C. trip and Mr. Phillip's leadership.
- c. Mr. Mathias is pleased about plan to compensate teachers for taking on split classes, and the increased cleanliness of the school. Mr. Mathias stressed the importance of recruiting those who love kids and value classical curriculum.

16. Adjournment – 7:03 P.M.

*Next Board Meeting: Regular Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.*

**Reviewed and approved by Board Chair, Mr. Matthew Mathias**

~~Matthew Mathias~~

Matthew W. Mathias (May 2, 2023 18:03 EDT)

*Signature*

**May 2, 2023**

*Date*