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## MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.  
By Zoom

1. Call to Order: **Mr. Champaign** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Champaign, Mr. Cotti, Mr. Dugal, Mr. Layher, Mr. Shober, Ms. Meisel, Ms. VanRyzin, Ms. Ziemet, Ms. Grosskreutz, Ms. Behm, Ms. Davis (ex-officio) and Mr. Winch (ex-officio). Ms. Foley (guest). 2 guests.
3. Classical School Mission: *Building a just and excellent educational foundation*
4. Public Comment: None
5. Agenda
  - Amend agenda to add discussion of Second Step SEL approvals and fundraising for art and band room. Van Ryzin / Meisel (all in favor)
  - Approve agenda (Ms. Ziemet / Ms. Meisel): All in Favor
  - Approve minutes ... : (Ms. Grosskreutz / Ms. Ziemet): All in Favor
  - Strategic Goals: (Mr. Shober / Ms. VanRyzin): All in favor
6. Administrative Update (**Mr. Winch**):
  - STEM position (K-5): a possible candidate has been interviewed
  - 4th grade teacher position: still open
  - New counselor (Ms. Arps) for Tuesdays, Thursday, and every other Friday.
  - Also part-time admin assistance to help Ms. Kemps.

- Meet-and-greet with principal: useful and successful
  - NIFDI staff training upcoming. K-8 will attend mornings and 6-8 middle schools will have an alternate schedule. We are welcoming staff back at 7:30-8:00 a.m. and 11 Monday and Tuesday. Anyone from the board is welcome to come to meet new teachers for any of the breakfasts and lunches.
  - Construction on track. Crew should be out of building the middle of next week.
  - Going forward, E10 (site budget) budgets will be attached to minutes beginning with next meeting
7. Finance (**Mr. Champaign** for Mr. Layher): BMO: \$18,005.04; BlueSky: \$4,863.23.
8. New Business (Mr. Champaign)
- Second Grade Field Trip approval: Ms. K: This will be a welcome addition to the grade. Mr. Winch: Japanese story telling, a one-time event. **(Ms. VanRyzin/Ms. Ziemet): All in Favor.**
  - Fall fest update (Ms. K): Four demos; (Drama Club, The Academy, Yoga Studio, another North High School club); contacts from supporters have been made; Oct. 6, 12-3 p.m. **Working on a budget. Will be presented at the next meeting.**
  - SEL Second Step for September: **Ms. Van Ryzin / Ms. Grosskreutz: All in Favor.** **Ms. Ziemet:** How will this be communicated to parents about changes? **Ms. Meisel:** There should be an open door to discuss them. **Mr. Dugal:** Give access to parents in office and that communication should come from the administration. **Ms. Meisel:** Teachers were not communicating consistently on SEL last year. If they are meant to do this, they need to be consistent. **Mr. Winch:** Should this be stratified by grade level? **Mr. Champaign:** Last year more concerns in 6-8, but there was some all K-8. **Mr. Winch:** How about a general communication: Integrity in September plus selecting two Second Step lessons. If you want more info and see more, come to the office. **Ms. Meisel:** We've learned with both the behavior system and the SEL; should communicate that.
  - Technology Proposal: **Mr. Champaign:** I think Mr. Winch will be able to make this work well as he walks through the school. **Ms. Grosskreutz/Ms. VanRyzin All in Favor.**

- Charter Council (**Mr. Champaign**):
  - Site Budget needs to be in minutes
  - So long as AASD employees are on the board, we are not eligible for any state or federal grants. **Mr. Winch**: It was not clear how much we might be leaving on the table, especially as many of these go through the district rather than through the school. **Ms. Meisel**: Several years ago there was a grantwriting subcommittee. Are there other things we could do? We were able to include some of our families to help write these. **Ms. VanRyzin**: There are private grants available? I can look. **Mr. Cotti**: I'd be happy to help writing if something comes up.
  - Busing. Mr. Brandt (AASD) wanted to know if school would like to raise \$2 million to provide a bus for free-and-reduced lunch. **Mr. Champaign**: This identifies low-income students. **Mr. Cotti**: AASD should include this as a fixed cost and economy of scale. **Ms. VanRyzin**: Just having AASD pick up the costs seems most reasonable. **Ms. Meisel**: How many seats are even available? **Mr. Cotti**: I don't think busing will come until AASD thinks charter schools are part of the district? The correct argument is that this is a basic service. **Ms. Meisel**: Even if only to those within the district.
  - Fundraising for Art and Band Room (**Mr. Champaign**): This was pushed aside because AASD costs went up. Perhaps we can fund raise to remodel basement. We received a soft "yes." We need to give AASD a proposal of what we'd like to do. \$68,000 is the number AASD provided. **Mr. Dugal**: Taking away band room to turn it into a new classroom without replacing it seems hypocritical on the part of the district. **Mr. Layher**: With an itemized list, people are more likely to give to support parts of the project. **Ms. Meisel**: This seems like a big ask, +\$100 per child. And what happens if we only raise part of the cost? **Mr. Shober**: Can we look for own bids? **Mr. Dugal**: Need to put a plan together so we are not fund raising every week. Perhaps we could announce it at Fall Fest. **Ms. Meisel**: Could we ask previous families / alumni? Ms. Schroeder has a list. Is there a way to field an interest survey or use pledges? Is there something from AASD capital budget, and what about the site budget? Is there a deadline? **Mr. Champaign**: We need to get an itemized list from the district. **Mr. Winch**: Perhaps ask the questions before the proposal.

## 9. Public Comment

- **Ms. Foley:** Some work time on STEM already done; still working on hire and curriculum. Maybe some curriculum by October.

10. Motion to adjourn (**Ms. Van Ryzin / Ms. Ziemet**): All in Favor @ 7:53 p.m.

**Next scheduled meeting:** September 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.