The Classical Academy

Board of Directors Meeting

(Open to the Public)

Date: Monday, December 16, 2024, 6:00-8:40 p.m.

Location: North Campus – Secondary School, 1st Floor, Room 1102

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

Allotted Time/Start Time

I. Call to Order (6:00 P.M.) 1 min (6:00) (6:00)

The Board Chair (Mr. Fradette) called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Mission/Roll Call 2 min (6:01) (6:00)

Roll Call: (Mr. Brightwell: Here // Mrs. Hawkins: Here // Mr. Heyns: Here // Mrs. Moffat: Here // Mr. Skorich: Here // Mr. Young: Here // Mr. Fradette: Here). A quorum was present.

III. Approval of Agenda 2 min (6:03) (6:01)

Motion: Mr. Young moved to approve the agenda and was seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: By a roll call of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Brightwell: Yea; Mrs. Hawkins: Yea; Mr. Heyns: Absent; Mrs. Moffat: Yea; Mr. Skorich: Yea; Mr. Young: Yea; Mr. Fradette: Yea)

IV. Celebrate TCA (College Pathways Student Spotlight) 5 min (6:05) (6:02)

Action: (Harris)
Motion: (Info)
Rationale: to highlight accomplishments of TCA students, staff, and parents

- Three students shared how College Pathways has provided them with unique opportunities through flexible scheduling and options for taking college classes during high school. They also highlighted the exceptional teachers and staff, who foster a supportive community by knowing each student personally.

V. Comments from the Audience (Audience members have 3 minutes to address the Board) 10 min (6:10) (6:12)

(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)

- Jessica Lohmeyer, parent of two Central students, expressed concerns about literature in the library, emphasizing the importance of books that reflect the values of TCA.
- Dr. William Sawvell, community member, highlighted a concern for a policy regarding book selection.
- Eric Kniffin, proud TCA parent, emphasized the importance of adhering to the school's principles and policies to maintain a thoughtfully cultivated, age-appropriate learning environment.

VI. Comments from the Board of Directors 10 min (6:20) (6:25)

- Mrs. Hawkins shared her pride in TCA's football team making it to the playoffs during a busy month.
- Mr. Brightwell expressed his appreciation to the community for their commitment to TCA and his congratulations to the football team for their success at the state championship.
- Mrs. Moffat commended the football team for their achievement in the state championship along with appreciation to the community for their involvement.
- Mr. Young also shared his enthusiasm with the football team's success. He also thanked the community for their involvement in the school.
- Mr. Skorich shared gratitude for the involvement of the community.

- Mr. Heyns shared commendations to the 7th and 8th students and staff on their recent band concert. He noted that it was a wonderful performance, marking one more point of excellence for TCA. He assured parents that they are heard and their concerns will be addressed with care and diligence.

VII. Legal Update 10 min (6:30) (6:30)

Action: (Miller)
Motion: (Info)
Rationale: to provide Board governance training/best practices information

- Mr. Miller (TCA Attorney) presented to the board a legal update about permitted language during the holiday season.

VIII. Board Development 10 min (6:40) (6:40)

Action: (Jolly) TCA Model of Classical Education
Motion: (Info)
Rationale: Three TCA Principals representing different levels of K-12 will present the TCA model of Classical Education.

- Blake Galvin, Jodi Peterson, Hugh DiPretore, and Justin Peterson shared about TCA's Model of Classical Education. TCA emphasizes a whole-person, relationship-based, idea-centered, and classically oriented education while teachers deeply know and mentor students, balancing academics with personal growth and freedom.

IX. Report of the President & Cabinet Spotlights 10 min (6:50) (7:05)

Action: (Thomason)
Motion: (Info)
Rationale: to highlight cabinet activities (Pres., Ops, Academics, HR, Finance).

Dr. Thomason highlighted the following items from his report:

- TCA celebrated Veteran's Day on November 11 with a rich and honoring display of how we recognize those that have served our country. Mr. Coles, former TCA Operations Director, served as the keynote speaker.
- The Annual Prospective Parent Night on November 19 provided an opportunity to share insights about the school and engage in encouraging conversations with prospective new families.
- TCA has experienced much success lately with our sports and activities. The community formed among our student athletes keeps them cheering for the school long after they are gone.

X. Consent Agenda 3 min (7:00) (7:13)

Board Directed items to be removed from Consent Agenda:
Motion: (Vote) to file the Consent Agenda

A. Finance (VanGampleare)
1. October Financials

B. Parent Survey (Jolly)
1. (School Specific Questions)

C. Board Election Timeline and Policy (2nd Read)

D. SAC Minutes/Resource Priorities
1. CSP-CP
   a. Resource Priorities, November 12, 2024
   b. SAC Minutes, November 12, 2024
2. East Elementary
   a. Resource Priorities, November 18, 2024
   b. SAC Minutes, November 18, 2024
3. North Elementary
   a. SAC Minutes, November 12, 2024
4. Central Elementary
   a. SAC Minutes, November 4, 2024

Motion: Mr. Heyns moved to approve the consent agenda and was seconded.
Discussion: None.
Vote: By a roll call of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Brightwell: Yea; Mrs. Hawkins: Yea; Mr. Heyns: Yea; Mrs. Moffat: Yea; Mr. Skorich: Yea; Mr. Young: Yea; Mr. Fradette: Yea)

XI. Minutes: November 11, 2024 2 min (7:03) (7:14)

Action: (Altman)
Motion: (Vote) to approve the November 11, 2024 minutes
Rationale: to provide a record of the Board meeting for files

Motion: Mrs. Moffat moved to approve the November minutes and was seconded.
Discussion: None.
Vote: By a roll call of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Brightwell: Yea; Mrs. Hawkins: Yea; Mr. Heyns: Yea; Mrs. Moffat: Yea; Mr. Skorich: Yea; Mr. Young: Yea; Mr. Fradette: Yea)

Break 5 min (7:05) (7:20)

XII. Discussion Agenda Items

A. Items removed from Consent Agenda

B. Cabinet Level Reports

1. **Annual Registrar's Report** 15 min (7:10) (7:21)
   Action: (Jolly, Harper)
   Motion: (Information)
   Rationale: to provide the Board with an annual update and assessment of TCA's student population
   - Kayla Harper, TCA Registrar, shared the Annual Registrar's report with the board, highlighting the following areas:
     - Our October count was an enrollment of 3,816.
     - The attrition rate is the lowest it has been in four years
     - Knowing that word of mouth is our best advertising tool, please share with anyone who might be interested in TCA's program.

2. **Parent Survey Plan (Common School-Wide Questions/Process)** 10 min (7:25) (7:45)
   Action: (Jolly)
   Motion: (Information)
   Rationale: to review the common school-wide questions/process of the parent survey
   - Mr. Jolly announced that the TCA Parent Survey will be held in February, featuring six consistent school-wide questions. The survey will be open for the entire month of February.

3. **New Course Approvals** 10 min (7:35) (7:57)
   Action: (Jolly, Galvin)
   Motion: (Information)
   Rationale: to review and approve new courses added to the TCA curriculum
   - Mr. Galvin shared that there are no new courses to propose to the board.
   - An archived course, Introduction to Economics, (previously offered in 2010-11) would be moved from historical to active in the course catalog. The course is estimated to begin in Fall 2025. The curriculum will be reviewed and presented to the board in April.

4. **Mid-Year Budget Modification Preview** 10 min (7:45) (8:04)
   Action: (VanGampleare)
   Motion: (Information/Discussion)
   Rationale: a preview of uses of additional PPR
   - Mr. VanGampleare shared the Mid-Year Budget Modification Preview, highlighting a large increase in per-pupil revenue. He also addressed significant operational needs. More information will be shared at a future board meeting.

C. Board Level Reports

1. **Adopt A School Reports** 5 min (7:55) (8:14)
   Action: (Fradette, Board)
   Motion: (Information)
   Rationale: to report on the activities taking place at Board member adopted Schools
   - Mr. Fradette shared about Cottage School Program, noting the bond initiative and the positive impact for the school.
   - Mr. Skorich visited Mrs. Peterson at North Elementary and shared his appreciation for the wonderful job she is doing.
   - Mr. Young has attended many High School events and congratulated the students and staff on their success.
   - Mrs. Hawkins shared about College Pathways and its wonderful program.
   - Mr. Brightwell visited East Elementary and shared the palpable excitement that the bond measure is providing for the school.
   - Mrs. Moffat met with Mr. D. and commended the Junior High with their continued excellence.
   - Mr. Heyns is looking forward to visiting Central.

2. **Capital Construction Committee Formation** 5 min (8:00) (8:18)
   Action: (Fradette)
   Motion: (Discussion)
   Rationale: to discuss forming a temporary Capital Construction Oversight Committee

- The intent of the committee is to provide oversight and serving with reports back to the board. Mrs. Moffat, Mrs. Hawkins, and Mr. Skorich shared interest in serving on this committee. A secret ballot was held, and Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Moffat were selected by the board to serve on this committee.

D. Board Communication 5 min (8:05) (8:26)
Action: (Moffat)
Rationale: to develop and approve of communication update to community
- Celebrate TCA: College Pathways
- Annual Registration Reports
- Capital Construction Formation Committee

E. Future Board Agenda Items 5 min (8:10) (8:27)
1. **School Calendar Review/Approval, Vote, Jolly, Jan**
2. **TCA Building Corp—Appoint Directors, Vote, Fradette, Jan**
3. **Mid-Year Budget Modifications, Vote, VanGampleare, Jan**
4. **Announce Board of Director Vacancies, Info, Fradette, Jan**
5. **New Course Approvals, Vote, Jolly, Jan**

F. Comments from the Board of Directors 5 min (8:15) (8:36)
- Mr. Skorich requested the library book discussion to be on the next agenda. The agenda setting committee will discuss this for the January meeting.
- Mr. Heyns shared about his gratitude and appreciation to be part of this school.
- Mr. Fradette reminded the board about the upcoming CLCS Conference.

G. Executive Session (President Interim Feedback) 20 min. (8:20) (8:38)
Action: (Fradette)
Motion: (Vote) to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) TCA President interim feedback
Rationale: to provide TCA President with Bi-annual feedback from the TCA Board

Motion: Mrs. Moffat and Mr. Heyns motioned to move into executive session.
Discussion: None.
Vote: By a roll call of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Brightwell: Yea; Mrs. Hawkins: Yea; Mr. Heyns: Yea; Mrs. Moffat: Yea; Mr. Skorich: Yea; Mr. Young: Yea; Mr. Fradette: Yea)

XIII. Adjournment (Approx. 8:40 P.M.) (8:40) (9:12)
Motion: Mr. Skorich moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded.
Discussion: None.
Vote: By a roll call of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Brightwell: Yea; Mrs. Hawkins: Yea; Mr. Heyns: Yea; Mrs. Moffat: Yea; Mr. Skorich: Yea; Mr. Young: Yea; Mr. Fradette: Yea)

Laura Moffat
TCA Board Secretary