The Classical Academy

Board of Directors Meeting

(Open to the Public)

Date: Monday, January 13, 2025, 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) (6:01)

The Board Chair (Mr. Fradette) called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

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

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) (6:02)

Motion: Mr. Young and Mrs. Moffat 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 (Student Spotlight) 5 min (6:05) (6:02)

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

- Two kindergarten students from East Elementary shared how reading *The Mitten Tree* inspired their class to collect gloves, hats, and mittens for a non-profit organization that supports children receiving foster care.

V. Comments from the Audience (Audience members have 3 minutes to address the Board) 10 min (6:10) (6:00)

(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)

- Mrs. Duguid spoke to the board about the importance of moral courage and its role in fostering strong character.
- Ms. Gould shared reflections on TCA's Core Values and the significance of freedom of speech in our community.
- Ms. Davis highlighted the importance of parent rights and reaffirmed TCA's mission to serve students and families.
- Mrs. Lohmeyer expressed her love for our school and shared thoughts about maintaining alignment with our values in library materials.

VI. Comments from the Board of Directors 10 min (6:20) (6:19)

- Mr. Fradette welcomed everyone back from the break and marked the start of the second semester.
- Mrs. Hawkins expressed her gratitude for TCA's exceptional staff and teachers, noting how this strong foundation is evident in the lives of our students and their families.
- Mrs. Moffat commended Mr. Kevin Patch for his work on the upcoming development at East Campus. She also thanked District 20 for including TCA in the Bond, expressing confidence that these funds will be put to good use.

VII. Executive Session 45 min. (6:30) (6:21)

Action: (Fradette)
Motion: (Vote) to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(b) for legal advice on specific legal matters related to policies and practices for reconsideration of library materials.
Rationale: to discuss matters related to policies and practices for reconsideration of library materials

Motion: Mr. Brightwell motioned and was seconded 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)

VIII. Legal Update 10 min (7:15) (7:32)
Action: (Miller)
Motion: (Info)
Rationale: to provide Board governance training/best practices information
- Mr. Miller, TCA's attorney, provided the board with a legal update, emphasizing TCA's commitment to upholding its Core Values.

IX. Board Development 10 min (7:25) (7:39)
Action: (Jolly, Velez) Charlotte Mason/Developing Habits
Motion: (Info)
Rationale: The Elementary Dean of Educational Philosophy will share about TCA's emphasis on developing habits in our students.
- Mrs. Velez spoke about the importance of developing habits that shape character, both for children and adults. Drawing on Charlotte Mason's philosophy, she emphasized how the formation of habits is central to education.

X. Report of the President & Cabinet Spotlights 15 min (7:35) (7:48)
Action: (Thomason)
Motion: (Info)
Rationale: to highlight cabinet activities (Pres., Ops, Academics, HR, Finance).
Dr. Thomason highlighted the following items from his report:
- Staff were welcomed back on January 6 with the annual *State of the School Address*.
  - This provided an opportunity to inspire teachers and staff while also receiving updates on the school's progress, from both an academic and cultural perspective.
- TCA remains a community that is dedicated to partnering with families. Parent feedback is highly valued, and we will continue to listen to our parents.
- The December match goal of $75,000 was met, thanks to the generosity of our wonderful community.

XI. Consent Agenda 3 min (7:50) (7:59)
Board Directed items to be removed from Consent Agenda:
Motion: (Vote) to file the Consent Agenda

A. Finance (VanGampleare)
1. November Financials

B. Building Corp Director Appointments

C. SAC Minutes
1. Central Elementary
   a. Budget Resource Priorities, November 12, 2024
2. North Elementary
   a. Budget Resource Priorities, November 12, 2024
3. Junior High
   a. Meeting Minutes, November 19, 2024
   b. Budget Resource Priorities, December 13, 2024
4. High School
   a. SAC Meeting Minutes, December 5, 2024
   b. Resource Priorities, December 11, 2024

Motion: Mrs. Hawkins 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)

XII. Minutes: December 16, 2024 2 min (7:53) (7:59)
Action: (Altman)
Motion: (Vote) to approve the December 16, 2024 minutes
Rationale: to provide a record of the Board meeting for files
Motion: Mr. Heyns moved to approve the December 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 (7:55) (8:00)

XIII. Discussion Agenda Items

A. Items removed from Consent Agenda

B. Cabinet Level Reports

1. **Mid-Year Budget Modification** 5 min (8:00) (8:07)

Action: (VanGampleare)
Motion: (Vote) to approve the mid-year budget modifications presented by
Mr. VanGampleare Rationale: to approve changes to the current year budget

- Mr. VanGampleare, Chief Financial Officer, presented the mid-year budget modification to the board, which included updates on expenses. He noted that Titan Club memberships and sponsorships are stronger than ever, noting the incredible generosity of our community.

Motion: Mr. Brightwell moved to approve the mid-year budget modification.
Discussion: None. Bond funds available sometimes in March;
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)

2. **School Calendar Review/Approval** 10 min (8:05) (8:13)

Action: (Jolly, Birkey, Harper)
Motion: (Vote) to approve the school calendars for the 2025-26 school year and preliminarily approve the Draft 2026-27 school year calendar
Rationale: to provide the Board an opportunity to approve the 2025-26 school year calendar and preliminary approval of the Draft 2026-27 school year calendar

- Mrs. Birkey, Compliance Officer, and Mrs. Harper, Registrar, outlined the process for creating the school calendars. The calendars were presented to the board, and no questions were raised.

Motion: Mr. Brightwell moved to approve the school calendar.
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)

C. Board Level Reports

1. **Announce the Board of Directors Upcoming Election** 5 min (8:15) (8:19)

Action: (Fradette)
Motion: (Information)
Rationale: to announce the upcoming election and to discuss the search for eligible candidates for the TCA Board

- The upcoming Board Election will take place from March 11–18. Interested candidates can complete the application packet available on TCA's website, with submissions due by February 5 at 4:00 PM. An informational meeting for prospective candidates will be held on January 27 at 6:00 PM, and candidates will be announced at the February 10 board meeting.
- Mrs. Hawkins announced her intent to run for re-election.
- Mr. Heyns also announced his candidacy.

2. **Working Session Topics** 5 min (8:20) (8:24)

Action: (Fradette)
Motion: (Discussion)
Rationale: to discuss possible working session topics for March 3 and April 28

- No topics currently require a working session.

D. Board Communication 5 min (8:25) (8:25)

Action: (Moffat)
Rationale: to develop and approve of communication update to community

- Celebrate TCA: The Mitten Tree
- School Calendar approval
- Upcoming Board Election

E. Future Board Agenda Items 5 min (8:30) (8:28)

1. Quarterly Financial Report, Info, VanGampleare, Feb
2. Announce Board of Director Candidates, Info, Fradette, Feb
3. Curriculum Review/Text Review (Elementary), 1st Read, Jolly, Feb
4. Board Budget, 1st Read, Young, Feb
5. Annual Facility Master Plan Report/Deferred Main., Plans, Costs, Info, Pacht, Feb
6. Board Candidates Video Presentations, Video, Fradette, Feb
7. March Working Session Topics, Disc, Fradette, Feb

F. Comments from the Board of Directors 5 min (8:35) (8:29)

- Mr. Fradette spoke about the importance of maintaining civility during discussions and affirmed administration on their work.
- Mrs. Hawkins expressed gratitude to the cabinet for their perseverance and dedication.
- Mr. Brightwell shared appreciation for the daily accomplishments of the administration.

- Mr. Young offered his thanks to the cabinet for their work.
- Mr. Heyns conveyed his trust and appreciation for the work being done.
- Mr. Skorich clarified that governance focuses on addressing and refining policies, rather than managing day-to-day operations.

XIV. Adjournment (Approx. 8:40 P.M.) (8:40) (8:33)

Motion: Mr. Moffat 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
Board Secretary