



Classical Charter School Association
3310 N. Durkee St.; Appleton, WI 54911
Phone: (920) 997-1388; Fax: (920) 997-1390
www.classicalcharter.com

MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.
Classical School

Mr. Champaign called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- I. **Attendance:** Mr. Dugal, Mr. Champaign, Ms. Grosskreutz, Mr. Shober, Ms. Abbi, Ms. Behm, Ms. VanRyzin.
 - A. Board Guests: Mr. Winch (ex-officio), Ms. Davis. (ex-officio)/; Ms. Foley, Ms. Schroeder
 - B. **Guests:** Ms. Crownhart, Ms. Nagreen
- II. **Public Comment:** Ms. Nagreen: Class sizes in K-1; we're at 26 students now. Could we have a card-flip system back in K-1.
- III. **Approvals:**
 - A. Agenda: Ms. Van Ryzin / Ms. Abbi: All in Favor
 - B. Minutes: Ms. Van Ryzin / Ms. Abbi: All in Favor
- IV. **Administrative Update (Mr. Winch):**
 - A. Act 20 Growth:
 1. K-3: In fall: 23% at grade level or above; 42% at grade level or below; 4% were two or more grade levels below. In winter: 53%: mid or above grade level; 20% at grade level or below; 2% two or more. I'm pleased to report substantial growth!
 2. We have completed all of the reading screeners. There are 12 students on Act 20 Personal Reading Plans. 5 are currently in K (the largest group). Ms. Schroeder has been working hard on these plans.
 - B. General Updates:

1. Funds: E10 (site-based school funds): Up to \$62,966.35. Closer to being fully funded on par with other schools. Assessment, Curriculum & Instruction: \$38,637.88
2. STEM: End of second week with new teacher; some PD discussion on Monday about the direction of STEM with K-5.
3. Despite construction and new basement project: 13 room spaces for summer school.
4. Enrollment: K 76, total 197 with one more week to go; last year 224 at this time. K is about even with last year.
5. **Mr. Campaign:** Are there any items that need to be allocated? **Mr. Winch:** Some funds were transferred in from other accounts. We should have all the funds from the district that we are expecting. For STEM, can we be paired with another school, 0.5 FTE? **Mr. Winch:** We are talking with Ms. Commerford at AASD to ensure that we can do the best for our students. This is challenging due to our unique curriculum. Could a STEM teacher be 0.5 STEM and 0.3 something else at Classical? We're exploring. **Mr. Campaign:** Can AASD just take up carpet?
6. **Mr. Winch** reviewed the plan for the addition; Mr. Winch had a walk-through with AASD. **Mr. Campaign:** At what point can we think about a wishlist for any of the additional funds. **Mr. Winch:** There will be new furniture from several different sources (Pegasus, referenda, and STEM funds). **Mr. Dugal:** What happens with existing furniture? **Mr. Winch:** I will try to move some of the existing tables to fund new equipment for other grades. **Mr. Campaign:** Be sure to keep any chairs that Classical purchased with site funds from a year or two ago. **Mr. Winch:** I will stay on this. I do remind AASD frequently that we have more than 24 students in a classroom.

V. Finance (**Mr. Campaign**)

- A. \$4,861.44 BlueSky
- B. \$40,784.89 BMO (\$7,606.23 funds not tied to Pegasus Project).

VI. Science Curriculum (**Mr. Winch**)

- A. There will be some discussion about this on Monday. **Ms. Foley:** I have some updates for 6-8: going well, and we can share books across grades. **Mr. Campaign:** Can you speak about aligning the curriculum with the right age? **Ms. Foley:** Yes: 6th will be in Course 1, 7th in Course 2, and 8th in Course 3. Teachers report that this transition is going really well. I can provide an update in 4th quarter.

VII. Parent Survey (**Mr. Campaign**):

- A. Would like to send out parent survey sometime after this meeting. Any comments from the board.
- B. **Ms. Grosskreutz:** It's pretty straightforward. Does it always come out about the same time? **Ms. Behm:** Were there too many options plus short answers? Is there a question about parent participation? **Mr. Champaign:** I think there are about 15 questions, and there is a question. **Ms. Van Ryzin:** I'd suggest not changing it so that we have some comparable data.

VIII. Reading Proposal (**Mr. Champaign**):

- A. Moving novels
- B. Shober/VanRyzin: All in Favor

IX. Public Relations (**Ms. Behm**):

- A. Some permanent plaque for Pegasus Project needs to be researched.
- B. Skating Party 2/28: This was a Pegasus fundraiser, but we will not use this as a fundraiser. We will have \$480 minimum charge \$8 skater/\$3 for non-skater; about 60 participants needed to meet this cost. **Motion:** Spend up to \$480 to support this. **Mr. Champaign/VanRyzin:** All in Favor.
- C. Color Run Pegasus Celebration (May 30, 5-7): Budget might be about 125 students and families (about 200 people): Color run with school band with some pep band; possibly barbeque and picnic; Kona Ice truck. T-shirts with Pegasus donors were promised; those are about \$6/shirt (purchases would be available for those who are not running). All together a budget of about \$2,000. (Free for families.) **Mr. Champaign:** I like the idea but I would like to explore other ideas to help stay true. **Mr. Winch:** I can check on turnout at other schools.
- D. Academy Parents' Night Out (March 15): Ms. Denu wanted to know whether we could open a Classical Parents' Night out to general Academy students. **Mr. Dugal:** Are these earmarked for Pegasus? **Ms. Behm:** No, these are general board funds.
- E. **Mr. Champaign:** What might the progression be for next year? Fall Fest / Winter Gala / Spring KAT. **Ms. Grosskreutz:** Maybe a Packer fundraiser. Skate Night and other low-risk/low-cost events are helpful. **Ms. Behm:** There was a lot of good feedback on the Gala. We would probably need to schedule this in the summer.

X. By-laws (**Ms. VanRyzin**):

- A. Revisions to by-laws regarding board member protocols for communication: Contacts with board members from parents need to go to the board; board members should not reply other than to acknowledge communication. **Shober/VanRyzin: All in Favor.**
- B. **Mr. Dugal:** A year from now, the charter will need to be renewed; will need to begin work three to six months in advance. Perhaps put this on the strategic plan

agenda. Will need to check on the procedure, although if we are comfortable with the existing contract, this may be less of an issue that it was last time. **Ms. Grosskreutz:** We've contacted a lawyer (parent) who might be able to help find someone to help out.

XI. **Public Comment:** None

XII. **Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Van Ryzin / Ms. Abbi: All in Favor 7:17p.m.**