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MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 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, Mr. Cotti, Ms. Ziemet.
 - A. Board Guests: Mr. Winch (ex-officio), Ms. Davis. (ex-officio); Ms. Foley, Ms. Schroeder
 - B. **Guests:** Ms. Crownhart, Ms. Nagreen
- II. **Public Comment:** Card flip system needs some reconsideration perhaps to use it.
- III. **Approvals:**
 - A. Agenda: (Behm/Layher): All in Favor
 - B. Minutes: (Grosskreutz/Layher): All in Favor
- IV. **Administrative Update (Mr. Winch):**
 - A. Celebrations
 1. Congratulations to Jacob Martonito who is the Wisconsin state champion speller!
 2. 4th grade great trip to Capitol. State Rep. Murphy will be visiting Classical as a follow-up.
 3. 8th-grade will go to Career Expo April 16 in the morning.
 4. KAT week is next week; Thursday, April 17.
 5. Winnie-the-Pooh will arrive for K and 1st grade, from North High School.
 - B. Current staff lounge will be the special education classroom; the current art room will be the new staff lounge.
 - C. Core Virtues development continues. Will be integrating these into most curriculum as appropriate. We want to make at least two specific points each week. We will cover this in staff development next time. **Mr. Champaign:** This

seems to be going very well; I've been excited about this. **Ms. Abbi:** We have a mentorship program in K and 4. Can this mentorship program help incorporate virtues here? **Mr. Winch:** Yes; and could perhaps think about pairing families in upper grades do this with incoming families. **Ms. Behm:** Will staff lounge need to be reconfigured to help the new special ed room? **Mr. Winch:** We will reconfigure as needed per the needs of the children in there. There will still be 4th grade cubbies and hooks; that will remain a challenge. **Ms. Grosskreutz:** I support the career expo. **Mr. Champaign:** Are there HS counselors at the expo? **Mr. Winch:** No, but there will be material that the students can follow up. I have been sharing all the material that AASD has sent along with Ms. Crownhart and Ms. Huck.

V. Finance (**Ms. Ziemet**)

- A. \$42,797.89 BMO (\$33,316.37 Pegasus find; \$9,481.52 in board funds, including \$1,440 from Academy's Parents' Night Out). BlueSky \$4,905.77.
- B. **Mr. Champaign:** 8th grade graduation book. What needs to be accomplished. **Ms. Ziemet:** Board pays for and wraps them. We have talked with Ms. Kemps about how this works as a graduation gift.

VI. New Business

- A. **Mr. Champaign:** Strategic plan topic: Application process to help increase family engagement. We are looking to add four or five questions. The new question can help start a conversation with parents about the mission of the school. **Ms. Abbi:** Can this "application" be at the charter fair? **Mr. Winch:** Yes, we could do this. **Ms. Abbi:** Could we include comments from previous families? **Mr. Winch:** I'd prefer not to on a form like this. **Ms. Behm:** Is there a time when just parents can visit the school and see the kind of work that happens at the school? **Ms. Ziemet:** This can be a bridge to start conversations later in the school year. **Mr. Champaign:** We'll pick up this conversation at strategic plan.
- B. Eighth Grade graduation. Mr. Champaign will talk. **Ms. Ziemet:** There is a script for the event. Should plan at least 80% board attendance. Wednesday, June 4.
- C. New Board Member interview went well. Next meeting will plan for a vote.
- D. AASD: Authorizer checklist. Board handbook updates are underway with (**Ms. VanRyzin**). We also need an FTE chart. **Mr. Cotti:** Such a document did exist in the previous principal's files somewhere, but we don't seem to have access to it now.
- E. **Mr. Cotti:** I will be resigning from the board, and I have very much enjoyed working on the board.
- F. **Mr. Winch:** Elementary FTE to middle school? I'm not sure this rumor started; however, I would like to use some middle school FTE to shore up elementary school. 0.25 FTE scheduled for middle school that I think we could use. With the current schedule, we have 0.2 extra middle school FTE to expand our K-5 to a K-8 STEM position.

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

- A. Teacher Appreciation: Board sponsored portion “good share” cart with teachers’ favorite things (not food only). We do have a “favorite things” document. Ms. Behm will continue.
- B. Color Run budget is \$5,000 for 500 participants. Some larger Pegasus Donors will be on sleeves; front will be a student designed image; Ms. Eastman is working on this. **Motion:** Up \$5,000 out of Pegasus Funds (Mr. Champaign/Ms. Grosskreutz): all in favor. **Ms. Behm:** We can use Thrivent “Action Teams” funding if you are a member.
- C. Fall Fest: **Ms. Ziemet:** Last year’s budget was \$2,000; spent \$2,359. Will try for a \$2,000 budget for next year. **Mr. Champaign:** Of the board funds; we have \$9,000; we have several expenses coming up, so we need to be sure the funds are there for all of the items. **Ms. Behm:** For strategic planning, we need to think about fundraising opportunities for next year.
- D. Gala: Many of the venues ask for about 50% down (about \$2,500).

VIII. **Public Comment:** None

IX. **Motion to Adjourn:** (Grosskreutz/Abbi) 7:39 p.m.