

The Classical Academy
975 Stout Road
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Board of Directors Working Session
North Campus
Monday, February 4, 2008

- I. Call to Order - Chairman Matt Carpenter called the open session to order at 5:14 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call.
 - A. Matt Carpenter led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - B. Roll Call. The following Directors were present: Matt Carpenter, Chris Bender, Lisa Sutton, and Steve Tomberlin. Clark Miller and Steve Pope were absent and excused. Also present: Mark Hyatt, President.
- III. Matt Carpenter introduced the topic for the Working Session: Board Governance

Matt Carpenter laid out several options for how a board can govern an organization with a focus on the level of oversight. TCA's agreed upon approach is to be a policy oriented board with the Administration implementing the policy. Matt led the board through a discussion regarding the level of interaction between the Board and the Administration that is appropriate for the TCA culture.

Following was a discussion regarding the job description of a TCA Board Director. Responsibilities were brainstormed and written on the board and then reviewed by the group to confirm that each responsibility noted was in fact a board role versus an Administration role. Significant discussion was had related to responsibilities and where lines need to be drawn.

Some of the general categories that were discussed, in no particular priority order, included – oversight through policy, define TCA outcomes, maintain vision/mission, financial oversight, model character/core values, define curriculum, supervise President, relationships with TCA community, set clear priorities for school – provide action plan/strategic plan.

There was follow-up discussion regarding the discussion point - relationships with TCA community. It was said that renewed emphasis needs to be made by directors to be involved with the different aspects of the TCA community / culture. This constant involvement needs to be done to really be aware of what is going on within the community. Suggested areas of involvement included: Town Hall, Titan Communication with staff, PTO, Titan Trust, D20, car pool, as well as, visiting the class rooms. Directors are already attending many of these activities.

The specific role of the President was discussed. The importance of objectives and a high level of communication with the TCA president were stressed.

Matt Carpenter closed the discussion by thanking the Board members and Administration for their participation and willingness to contribute. The discussion and refinements on the Board Governance topic will need to continue.

Executive Session – For the purpose of discussing contract and personnel issues

Moved by Chris Bender, seconded by Steve Tomberlin, to adjourn to executive session per C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e) and (f) at 7:08p.m., for the purpose of discussing contract and personnel issues. Roll Call. Approved by unanimous vote.

Moved by Matt Carpenter, seconded by Lisa Sutton, to adjourn to public session. Roll Call. Approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Adjournment

Moved by Steve Tomberlin, seconded by Lisa Sutton, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Roll Call. Approved by unanimous vote.

Matt Carpenter
Chairman

Chris Bender
Secretary