



THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021, 6:00-7:45 P.M.

LOCATION: VIRTUAL/REMOTE MEETING - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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.



NOTE: The TCA Community may watch the TCA Board Meeting by accessing TCA's YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjLU7ocFQ1gy7czWYfGk8qg> when the meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

	Presentation Time/Start Time
I. Call to Order (6:00 pm)	1 min (6:00) (6:00)
• The Chair (Mr. Moulton) called the meeting to order at 6:00.	
II. Pledge of Allegiance/Mission/Roll Call	2 min (6:01) (6:01)
• Roll call: (Dr. Andre; Here // Mr. Fradette; Here // Mrs. Goin; Here // Mr. Hannan; Here // Dr. Mayfield; Absent // Mr. Moulton; Here // Mr. Rudder) A quorum was present.	
III. Approval of Agenda	2 min (6:03) (6:02)
• Motion: Mr. Rudder moved to approve the agenda and was seconded	
• Discussion: None	
• <u>Vote: By a roll call vote of 6-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)</u>	
IV. Celebrate TCA (College Pathways Impact Team; Encouragement Bags)	5 min (6:05) (6:03)
Action: (Harris)	
Motion: (Info)	
Rationale: to highlight accomplishments of TCA students, staff, and parents	
• This month we celebrated the students on the College Pathways (CP) Impact Team	
• The team created a coping skills booklet, incorporating various positive coping skills, to be given to their peers to help them manage life when it gets hard	
• The booklet was included in a Wellness Kit with various items used to brighten students' days while promoting happiness, resilience, and gratitude	
• For the students who were not able to receive a Wellness Kit in person, the CP staff personally delivered kits to approximately 150 homes before Winter Break	
V. Comments from the Board of Directors	5 min (6:10) (6:10)
• Mr. Fradette: Thanked Ms. Upchurch for leading the book review on the book "Quiet"	
• Mr. Hannan: Encouraged the next steps in reviving "Digital Health Plan" after the COVID crisis	
• Mrs. Goin: It is important to revive the "Digital Health Plan" when most appropriate	
VI. TCA Building Corp (Appoint Directors)	5 min (6:15) (6:14)
Action: (Moulton)	
Motion: (Vote) to approve the Building Corp set of Directors	
Rationale: for Board Members to approve the TCA Building Corp Directors	
• Motion: Mrs. Goin moved to approve the amended Building Corp Directors: Mr. Ron Mast (President), Mr. Jason Akridge, Mrs. Catherine Mast, Mr. Steve Sutherland.	
• Discussion:	

- Mr. Mast replaced Mr. Chris Bender on the list of Building Corp Directors.
- The Board thanked Mr. Bender for his hard work as the President of Building Corp for so many years
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 6-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

VII. **Board Development (Core Values, Roots and Trunk, Applied to College Pathways and Cottage School)** 15 min (6:20) (6:17)

Action: (Upchurch)

Motion: (Info)

Rationale: to rediscover the essentials of TCA's Core Values and Educational Philosophy

- Ms. Upchurch discussed how College Pathways and the Cottage School Programs align with TCA's Core Values by giving examples of teachers providing opportunities to reinforce TCA's Core Values in the classroom
- Examples included:
 - Developing a passion for learning
 - Treating students with dignity and respect
 - Appreciating a liberal arts education
 - Care for student's mental health and well being
 - Discussions that show the relationships and limitations between science, philosophy, and religion
 - Socratic seminars that emphasize asking questions to better understand the contextual atmosphere of subject matter
 - Pursuit of beauty, truth, and goodness in classroom discussions

VIII. **President's Report and COVID Response Update** 20 min (6:35) (6:37)

Action: (Sojourner)

Motion: (Info)

Rationale: to highlight cabinet activities (Pres., Ops, Academics, HR, Finance)

- Dr. Sojourner highlighted the following items from his report:
 - Palmarium sent to TCA community to highlight the good things happening at TCA even during the COVID-19 outbreak
 - Expecting good news from our matching contribution challenge at the end of 2020; donations are still coming in
 - Mr. Miller not able to attend this month's meeting but the legislature does not convene until next month; hot topics will include:
 - Education funding
 - CMAS testing
 - We will delay start on the sports complex at the North Campus until May; ground is still frozen where a majority of the work needs to take place
 - COVID-19 Update
 - Outlook looks promising
 - Transmission rates are decreasing
 - Vaccine is being distributed
 - TCA community has helped curb cases by not sending sick children to school
 - TCA is one of only a handful of schools conducting in-person learning at the start of the semester
 - CHSAA has accelerated the winter sports schedule
 - TCA staff vaccinations are on their way; anticipated for late February or early March
 - TCA expected to receive approximately \$512,000 from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II) to help offset expenses caused by COVID-19

IX. **Consent Agenda** 3 min (6:55) (7:13)

Board Directed items to be removed from Consent Agenda:

Motion: (Vote) to file the Consent Agenda

A. Finance

1. November Financials

B. SAC Minutes

1. Junior High; October 16, 2020
2. High School; December 10, 2020

C. Board Policies

1. TCA Bylaws

- **Motion: Mr. Fradette moved to file the consent agenda.**

- Discussion: None

- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 6-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

X. **Minutes: December 14, 2020** 2 min (6:58) (7:14)

Action: (Swanson)

Motion: (Vote) to approve the December 14, 2020 minutes

Rationale: to provide a record of the Board meeting for files

- **Motion: Mr. Hannan moved to approve the December 14, 2020 minutes**
- Discussion: None
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 6-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

XI. Discussion Agenda Items

A. Items removed from Consent Agenda

B. Cabinet Level Reports

1. School Calendar Review/Approval

10 min (7:00) (7:15)

Action: (Jolly)

Motion: (Vote) to approve the school calendars for the 2021-22 school year and preliminarily approve the Draft 2022-23 school year calendars

Rationale: to provide the Board an opportunity to approve the 2021-2022 school year calendar and preliminary approval of 2022-2023 school year calendar

- **Motion: Mr. Hannan moved to approve the school calendars for the 2021-22 school year and preliminarily approve the Draft 2022-23 school year calendars**
- Discussion:
 - Calendars meet requirements set out in TCA Calendar Policy (ICA-TCA)
 - Calendars meet hour and day requirements
 - Include snow days rather than classifying days as online/at home study time
 - Calendars have been reviewed by applicable TCA principals
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 6-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

2. New Course Approvals (Non-Traditional JH Adjustment)

5 min (7:10) (7:20)

Action: (Jolly)

Motion: (Vote) to approve shifting from Non-traditional Junior High programs (at Cottage School and at College Pathways [CP]) to one Non-traditional Junior high at CP

Rationale: to review and approve new courses added to the TCA curriculum

- **Motion: Mr. Fradette moved to approve shifting from Non-traditional Junior High programs (at Cottage School and at College Pathways [CP]) to one Non-traditional Junior high at CP**
- Discussion: None
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 6-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

3. Mid-Year Budget Modification

5 min (7:15) (7:25)

Action: (VanGambleare)

Motion: (Vote) to approve the mid-year budget modifications presented by Mr. VanGambleare

Rationale: to approve changes to the current year budget

- **Motion: Mr. Rudder moved to approve the mid-year budget modifications presented by Mr. VanGambleare**
- Discussion:
 - Most modifications have to do with adjusting the budget for COVID-19 costs including:
 - Additional supplies for cleaning and disinfecting
 - Lap top computers for students who needed them for at home learning
 - Additional personnel positions due to overwhelming tasking brought on by COVID-19 requirements
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 6-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

C. Board Level Reports

1. Charter School Advocacy Update

5 min (7:20) (7:30)

Action: (Moulton/Goin)

Motion: (Information)

Rationale: to discuss the current development of a local charter advocacy group

- Mr. Moulton and Mrs. Goin updated their efforts with the Education Alliance of Colorado (EAC)
- There are currently 13 participating schools that have joined the EAC, representing approximately 13K students
- This effort will help promote educational freedom and charter school autonomy, facilitating information exchange with interested parents and community members
- Their website, www.EdAllianceCO.org just went live – please visit to learn more and to sign up to receive updates

2. Announce Board of Director Vacancies

5 min (7:25) (7:36)

Action: (Moulton)

Motion: (Information)

Rationale: to announce vacancies on the TCA Board of Directors for the upcoming election and to discuss search for eligible candidates for the TCA Board

- Two Board of Directors' positions are up for election this year, as Mr. Rob Moulton and Mr. Jeff Rudder are term limited
- If you are interested in serving the TCA community in this important and rewarding way, please complete the Board Candidate Packet available [here](#)
- Completed packets must be submitted to our board clerk, Mr. Bob Swanson, by 4 pm on Thursday, February 4th
- The upcoming online Board Election will take place from March 8th – March 26th. For questions and packet submittal, please contact Mr. Swanson at swanson@asd20.org

D. Board Communication

5 min (7:30) (7:38)

Action: (Secretary)

Rationale: to develop and approve of communication update to community

- Board of Directors openings
- Education Alliance of Colorado
- School Calendars
- Celebrate TCA

E. Future Board Agenda Items

5 min (7:35) (7:42)

1. Quarterly Financial Report, Feb, Info, VanGambleare
2. Announce Board of Director Candidates, Feb, Vote, Moulton
3. Elementary Math Curriculum Review, Feb, Discussion, Jolly
4. Board Budget, Feb, 1st Read, Fradette
5. Annual Facility Master Plan Report/Deferred Maintenance Plans and Costs, Feb, Info, Coles
6. March Working Session Topics, Feb, Discussion, Moulton
7. Board Candidate Video Presentations, Feb, Info, Moulton

F. Comments from the Board of Directors

5 min (7:40) (7:43)

- Mr. Rudder: Looking to get back to in person board meetings as soon as possible
- Mr. Moulton: Hopes we can begin in person board meetings as soon as COVID restrictions are lifted

XII. Adjournment (Approx. 7:45 p.m.)

(7:45) (7:44)

- **Motion: Mr. Moulton moved to adjourn the meeting.**
- Discussion: None
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 6-0 the Board approved the motion. (Dr. Andre; Yea // Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

Timothy Hannan
TCA Board Secretary