



Governing Council

January 19, 2022
7:00pm

Location: Zoom

Approved 2/9/2022

7 Norms of Collaborative Work:

- Pause
- Paraphrase
- Pose questions
- Put ideas on the table
- Provide data
- Pay attention to self and others
- Presume positive intentions

Dialogue: Council discussion, gathering of ideas, exploration, and FYI

Discuss: Council discussion & vote

GC Board Members:

- Rick Kisting, Director
- Nicole Boedeker, Teacher Rep
- Erin Marriott, President
- Lauren McQuiston, Vice President
- Melissa Moser, Secretary
- Abbey Weiss, Treasurer
- Jenny Hammes, Parent Rep
- Julia Fischer, Community Rep

- Audience: Laura Meicher

AGENDA

I. Reading of the CKCS Mission Statement

- A. CKCS is a public school option for parents, students and teachers in the Verona Area School District where students develop strong learning skills and a broad base of knowledge through the use of proven educational materials and programs in a safe and structured environment. [Read by Nicole Boedeker](#)

II. Audience recognition & reminder

III. Dates, announcements and brief agenda items

- A. Next GC meeting: Feb.9, 7 pm - [We will again plan to meet by Zoom in February.](#)
- B. Parking lot items
- C. Discuss and vote to approve previous minutes [Jenny motioned to approve the November minutes, Abbey seconded. Passed unanimously.](#)
- D. PRT update - [An updated directory was emailed to families earlier today. An email communication was sent to parents who indicated they were interested in serving on one of the three parent-led boards. PRT recently filled their open grant coordinator position. The Trivia Fundraiser is planned for March 2022 at Boulder Brew Pub.](#)
- E. PASS update - [PASS met in December and has started planning the spring Knowledge-a-Thon.](#)

IV. Director's Report (Rick)

[Enrollment request update](#) - The enrollment request prepared by Rick Kisting was unanimously approved by an email vote on 12/6/21. The enrollment request for the 2022-23 school year was submitted 12/14/21 and was confirmed by Dr Clardy.

[K-8 Safety training update](#) - School safety includes any threats to the interior of the school building. Students are being taught that safety is a life skill and is not isolated to a school setting. Safety training for elementary students includes 1) staying away from danger, 2) being aware of their surroundings, 3) and being aware of the adults in authority in their surroundings. K-5 safety training does not focus specifically on active shooter situations. Middle school level training does include various scenarios/disturbances and how they can keep themselves safe at various points during their school day. Rick provided a link to the school safety training presentations.

[K-8 Back to School night](#) - We are planning a CKCS K-8 Back to School Night in the fall, a separate event from the Badger Ridge Back to School Night. CKCS K-8 and BRMS will use the same photographer for all school photos.

[Ed Fest](#) - CKCS has been invited to participate at Ed Fest on Feb. 12. Ed Fest will focus on choice programs around the

Madison area. This year's Ed Fest falls very closely to the Verona Choice Program application deadline. GC briefly discussed the opportunity and chose to decline including a booth at Ed Fest. We will reconsider participating next year.

Upcoming Friendship Parties - Friendship parties will not include passing out individual Valentines this year, and CKCS will be limiting guests in the building during the parties. Teachers will primarily be leading the parties, rather than parent volunteers. Parents may be invited to provide crafts/games for the party by their classroom teacher.

Learner Fair - CKCS is not planning to offer a Learner Fair this year. Classroom teachers may assign similar projects but exclude the public presentation (Learner Fair) for the projects.

State Report Card - CKCS K-8 earned the "Exceeds Expectations" level on this year's DPI report card. Our overall score was 78.0. Rick highlighted that CKCS scored the third highest of all middle schools in Dane County.

Enrollment update - To date we have 413 students currently enrolled at CKCS.

VASD Board meeting update - The most substantial recent Board discussion is the projected zero dollar per pupil increase from the state for school districts next year.

V. Board topics

A. Committee Updates

- Outreach - Postcards were mailed to incoming Kindergarten families on 1/17. Additional postcards will be dropped off at 4K sites. Several in-person and Zoom tours will occur this January and February for prospective families. A combined charter school informational night will be on February 2 for incoming Kindergarten student families. Rick will present information about CKCS at this upcoming meeting. CKCS Informational Night will be Wed., January 26.
- Hiring - no updates
- Budget - no updates
- Curriculum - The Curriculum Committee met in early January. This year the Curriculum team will be reviewing K-8 Science curriculum (Core Knowledge science sequence was recently updated, making a Science review appropriate for this year) and K-8 English/Language Arts curriculum.

B. School Safety (Rick) - see above "Director's Report"

- C. Bylaws update (Erin) - Our current Governing Council bylaws indicate that the only votes permitted by email are hiring votes. We would like to amend the current bylaws to allow for other GC votes to occur by email. Erin will draft an amendment to the bylaws and present proposed changes at an upcoming GC meeting.
- D. Open GC positions for next year (Erin) - The GC Treasurer position, Secretary position, President position, and a Community Rep position will be vacant at the end of this academic year.
- E. State report card review, standardized test score review (Nicole & Rick) - Rick provided a state report card update in the Director's Report (see above).

STAR Testing - Nicole shared a school-wide STAR data presentation. CKCS' school-wide scores generally rank above the national 50th percentile in all testing categories (Math, Reading, and Early Literacy).

Forward Exam - Nicole briefly shared a Forward Exam summary. The WI Forward Exam data is used to develop the DPI school report card. A significantly higher percentage of students did not participate in the Forward Exam in the 2020-21 school year. The exam was only offered in-person and many students opted out from the exam because of safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

VI. Future agenda and/or parking lot items

VII. Adjourn