



Governing Council

February 9, 2022

7:00pm

Location: Zoom

Approved 3/9/2022

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-absent

- Audience: Micah LaDousa

AGENDA

I. Reading of the CKCS Mission Statement

- 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 Lauren McQuiston](#)

II. Audience recognition & reminder

III. Dates, announcements and brief agenda items

- Next GC meeting: March 9, 7 pm
- Parking lot items
- Discuss and vote to approve previous minutes [Lauren motioned to approve the January minutes, Abbey seconded. Passed unanimously.](#)
- PRT update - [PRT is planning to organize an optional family event in March in conjunction with the book fair.](#)
- PASS update - [Knowledge-a-thon planning is progressing. PASS will get questions to teachers soon. The three parent-led group presidents + Rick and Charles Gleason will be meeting to plan how to use the Endowment Funds.](#)

IV. Director's Report (Rick)

COVID Update - Positive cases of COVID for both students and staff are decreasing.

Swimming Update - Swimming units will resume on February 21 and run through April 15. Core Knowledge swimming will be at the Natatorium and will occur in the afternoons. Students will wear masks to/from swimming as well in the locker rooms. Students will not wear masks in the pool area and will remain physically distanced when unmasked.

Elementary Music Concert Update - CKCS will plan for a modified in-person concert this spring, likely sometime in April.

Enrollment Request Update - Looking ahead to next academic year, we have 60 openings (40 of which are in kindergarten). As of today, we have 25 applicants for kindergarten. We would like a minimum of 30 students in the kindergarten class. The charter/choice application deadline is mid-February. Families can enroll after the deadline as a late applicant and will be placed based on availability.

Calendar Request to the District - The two CKCS PD days for next year will be submitted to the district. These days will be November 22, 2022 (day before the district Thanksgiving break) and February 16, 2023 (day before the February District PD day), following the same pattern as recent years.

Eighth Grade Promotion Policy - GC members will review the proposed 8th Grade Promotion Criteria and vote at an upcoming meeting on this criteria. Once the promotion policy has been approved by GC, it will be added to the Family Handbook.

iPad Use - Current iPad use varies from classroom to classroom. In some classrooms, tablets are used more frequently than in the past (pre-COVID). Some teachers have become very comfortable with Seesaw and are using it more readily. CKCS continuously monitors apps that are being used for educational value and safety. New apps will be added if their purpose aligns with instructional goals. Elementary students (grades 2-5) still use paper planners and these will still be utilized for the foreseeable future. Middle School students may request a paper planner but many students are comfortable/prefer using Canvas or other digital planners.

VASD Board meeting update - Board discussions continue to focus on the projected zero dollar per pupil increase from the state for school districts next year.

V. Board topics

A. Committee Updates

- Outreach - School tours have ended for this enrollment season.
- Hiring - no updates
- Budget - no new updates
- Curriculum - So far this year, the Curriculum Committee has focused primarily on the Science K-8 curriculum. After careful consideration and after surveying teachers, we are moving forward with adopting the updated Core Knowledge Science Sequence curriculum. The Curriculum Committee will next be examining the Language Arts curriculum.

B. Calendar requests due to district (Rick) - see above under Director's Report

C. iPad use in classrooms (Rick/Nicole) - see above under Director's Report

D. Bylaws change (Erin) - On occasion a vote needs to occur before the next GC meeting. Generally these are hiring votes but the voting by email policy will be updated to include non-hiring email votes also. Voting during regular GC meetings remains a priority but this policy will allow for the rare times when a time-sensitive vote is required between meetings. Erin will send the proposed amendments to GC members and we will vote on the updated policy in March.

VI. Future agenda and/or parking lot items

VII. Adjourn