



Governing Council

April 20, 2022

7:00pm

Location: CKCS Library

Approved 5/18/2022

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

- Audience: Emily Schenk, Micah LaDousa

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 Lauren McQuiston](#)

II. Audience recognition & reminder

III. Dates, announcements and brief agenda items

- A. Next GC meeting: May 11, 7 pm
- B. Parking lot items
- C. Discuss and vote to approve previous minutes [Lauren motioned to approve the March minutes, Jenny seconded. Passed unanimously.](#)
- D. PRT update [PRT ordered some update furniture for middle school classrooms, and PRT has drafted a proposal for needed elementary classroom furniture. The elementary music room is the next priority. Field Day and the Knowledge-a-Thon fundraiser will be on Friday, June 3. PRT sent parent-led groups election information.](#)
- E. PASS update [PASS is continuing to plan the Knowledge-a-Thon \(June 3\)](#)

IV. Director's Report (Rick)

[Elementary Concert Dates](#) - K-2 concert was on April 2. The 3-5 concert will be on Friday, May 20.

[Upham Woods Update](#) - Due to weather, the date has been shifted to May 13. Students in grades 6 & 7 will go on this field trip. Looking ahead to future years, if we want CKCS to be the only school at Upham Woods, we would need to take multiple middle school grades for the day. Core Knowledge will continue to plan for future years Upham Woods and American Players Theater trips.

[Budget Update/Updated Furniture Needs](#) - First priority is 8th grade classroom furniture. Next priority is K-5 music classroom furniture.

[Enrollment Update](#) - 27 students are currently enrolled for the incoming 2022-23 kindergarten class.

[Hiring](#) - No updates.

V. Board topics

- A. Committee Updates
 - Outreach - [No updates](#)
 - Hiring - [No updates](#)

- Budget - See director's report
 - Curriculum - This year the curriculum committee is reviewing the K-8 ELA curriculum (reading, spelling, grammar, writing). At the 4/20 meeting, the committee looked at various EdReports, Star, and Forward Exam data. The committee will send a teacher survey to better understand strengths/weaknesses of our current programming. The curriculum committee will meet again in May before taking a pause for summer break.
- B. June parent leadership potluck (Erin) - Erin will reach out to the other parent-led groups to explore options (possibly outdoors, at Harriet Park) for this year's potluck on Wednesday, June 15.
- C. Math STAR testing data review (Nicole) - Nicole shared a Math Star data presentation. 88% of CKCS elementary students tested advanced or at/above benchmark this winter.

VI. Future agenda and/or parking lot items

- A. Governing Council member update - Julia Fischer has resigned her community rep position this academic year.

VII. Adjourn