



Governing Council

May 18, 2022
7:00pm

Location: Zoom

Approved 6/14/2022

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: Laura Meicher, Emily Schenk, Jorja Gander, 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 Melissa Moser](#)

II. Audience recognition

III. Dates, announcements and brief agenda items

- A. Next GC meeting: June 14 6 pm [parent-leadership potluck](#)
- B. Parking lot items
- C. Discuss and vote to approve previous minutes [Lauren motioned to approve the April minutes, Abbey seconded. Passed unanimously.](#)
- D. PRT update [No Update](#)
- E. PASS update [Knowledge-a-Thon flier will go home with students in the coming weeks.](#)

IV. Director's Report

Upham Woods Update - This year's trip was a great day and great weather for our middle school students. Teachers and students really enjoyed that it was a Core Knowledge only trip (separate from BRMS). We will move forward with alternating the Upham Woods and the American Players Theater field trips each year. All students will have an opportunity during middle school to attend both field trips.

Budget Update - 8th grade classroom furniture has been purchased using this year's budget dollars. Depending on remaining budget funds, we may purchase furniture for the elementary music classroom from this year's budget.

Enrollment Update - There is an upcoming tour for a prospective incoming kindergarten student. We hope to continue growing the incoming kindergarten class by several more students between now and the start of the next school year.

Hiring Update - Final interviews for the shared Art instructor position were Tuesday. **Tina Christenson was recommended by the Hiring Committee for the open 1.0 FTE shared Art Instructor position. Erin made a motion to hire Tina Christenson as an Art Instructor for the 2022-23 academic year. Lauren seconded the motion. We voted unanimously to hire Tina Christenson.**

We will be hiring an EA position for 2022-23. Interviews for this position will be held during the summer. There will be a first

grade teacher long term sub to start the 2022-23 school year through November while Ms. McBride is on maternity leave. There will be a Curriculum Coordinator long term sub for October-January while Nicole Boedeker is on maternity leave. Because of the uniqueness of Nicole's position, we will likely fill this role with an internal staff member (a current CKCS classroom teacher) and will have a long term sub for the classroom teacher role.

VASD School Board meeting update - The school board will be proposing a referendum related to the operating budget funding, which taxpayers will vote on in an upcoming election.. This referendum will not result in increased taxes.

V. Board topics

A. Committee Updates

- Outreach - no update
- Hiring - see Director's report
- Budget - see Director's report
- Curriculum - We are not proposing any changes to the reading program (Reading Mastery) at this time. We will review the newly updated Reading Mastery curriculum in the next academic year to decide if this is the next direction for CKCS. Additionally, we will be looking at the Core Knowledge ELA curriculum to ensure that the texts offer diverse representation. The committee determined that writing is our current weak spot at CKCS. After carefully considering data and teacher feedback, the Curriculum Committee is proposing we pilot the Step Up to Writing curriculum program for the 2022-23 academic year in grades 3 and 6.

- B. Director hiring and transition (Erin/Rick) Following this academic year, Rick will move onto a new position mentoring new teachers in the Verona Area School District. Rick's final day as CKCS principal/director will be June 30, 2022.

Last week four governing council members (Jenny, Erin, Melissa, & Nicole) participated in Principal interviews, along with parents and school staff. Additionally, students and district administrators interviewed three qualified candidates. The top two candidates met with the superintendent following those interviews. An announcement of the final hire will be forthcoming from the school district.

- C. PASS bylaws for endowment (Erin) PASS is preparing a process for distributing Endowment funds. Once

PASS and Governing Council agree on a process, the PASS bylaws will be revised.

- D. Review BRMS/CKCS working agreement (Rick) Rick has drafted a working agreement which will need to be reviewed/approved by the new CKCS principal this summer and agreed upon with the interim BRMS principal. The document has been updated for the new CKCS/BRMS building. We will circle back to this agreement later this summer (July).

VI. Future agenda and/or parking lot items

VII. Adjourn