



Governing Council

June 14, 2022
7:00pm

Location: Hop Haus Verona

Approved 7/6/2022

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: Steph Krenz (incoming Director/Principal), Micah LaDousa (incoming Treasurer), Jorja Gander (incoming Community Rep), Emily Schenk (incoming Community Rep), Laura Meicher (PRT President), Charles Gleason (PASS – Endowment), Jen Mueller (PASS President)

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 Jenny Hammes](#)

II. Audience recognition

III. Dates, announcements and brief agenda items

- A. Next GC meeting: July 6th
- B. Parking lot items
- C. Discuss and vote to approve previous minutes
[Lauren motioned to approve the May minutes, Melissa seconded. A sentence was removed from the Director's report section indicating that the May meeting was Rick's final GC meeting. Tonight \(June\) is Rick's final GC meeting. Passed unanimously.](#)
- D. PRT update – [Many new volunteers are joining the PRT. There is still an open position as the VP of Fundraising. A Wellness Path has been installed behind the school, including both physical and mental wellness activities. This was made possible through a grant provided by Tri-4 Schools. Field Day went very well. Parent-led group elections have completed. Results have been shared with PASS and Governing Council.](#)
- E. PASS update – [PASS is looking forward to welcoming some new parent volunteers for next year's academic year. This year's Knowledge-a-Thon was put on pause.](#)

IV. Director's Report

[Rick Kisting gave his final Director's Report to the Governing Council. 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.](#)

[Middle School Field Trips – We will rotate each year between Upham Woods and American Players Theater. In the 2022-23 academic year, we will send all CKCS MS students to APT. In the 2023-24 academic year, the 6th and 7th grade students will go to Upham Woods.](#)

[Director Transition – Steph Krenz attended this evenings GC meeting. She will begin on boarding with Rick this summer.](#)

[Budget Update – CKCS will receive an additional \\$20K from the VASD due to money remaining from a grant. This money needs to be used by December 2022 and is targeted on social-emotional learning. Furniture for the 8th Grade](#)

English/Language Arts/Social Studies classroom has been purchased and will be in place for the start of the school year. We will be working with PRT on potentially purchasing new elementary music room furniture for next fall. Elementary building budget carryover is \$2400, and MS building budget carryover is \$2400. Carryover funds must be used in the next academic year.

BRMS/CKCS Working Agreements – This document has been updated but will be a work in progress with Ms. Krenz (CKCS) and Ms. Steffins (BRMS)

Enrollment Update – We still have openings in the incoming Kindergarten class. Families can enroll over the summer prior to the start of the school year.

Hiring Update – 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.

Board meeting update – Members from the school board and district administration visited CKCS this spring. This was the first time in recent history that school board members toured CKCS.

V. Board topics

A. Committee Updates

- **Outreach** – no update. Erin encouraged GC members to consider the committee they'd like to serve on next year. The Outreach committee needs strong leadership and participation next year.
- **Hiring** – see Director's report
- **Budget** – see Director's report
- **Curriculum** – A writing program will be piloted at two grade levels this upcoming academic year.

B. Voting in of new GC members

Micah LaDousa has been elected by CKCS parents for next year's Treasurer position. Latisha Muldrow has been elected by CKCS parents for next year's Secretary position. The Treasurer and Secretary positions are 3-year commitments. Jorja Gander and Emily Schenk have applied for the open community rep position for

next year's Governing Council. The community rep position is a 1-year commitment and elected by the Governing Council. Lauren motioned for Emily to fill a community rep position, Jenny seconded. Unanimously passed. Erin motioned for Jorja to fill a community rep position, Lauren seconded. Unanimously passed.

VI. Future agenda and/or parking lot items

VII. Adjourn