



## Governing Council

16 June 2021

6:00pm

Location: Zoom call

Approved 8/18/2021

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### 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

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### GC Board Members:

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

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## 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: July 14
- B. Parking lot items - [none](#)
- C. Discuss previous minutes - May [Erin motioned to approve, Abbey seconded. Passed unanimously.](#)
- D. Dialogue PRT update (Sara Herely) - [no updates](#)
- E. Dialogue PASS update (Jennifer Mueller)- [June meeting postponed. No updates](#)

### IV. Director's Report (Rick)

[End of the Year - We made it! Teachers and kids were great in a very difficult year. We're moving in the right direction for a more typical start of next school year.](#)

[K-5 related arts schedule update - Related arts classes were 45 minute sessions this past academic year, rather than 30 minute sessions. These longer related arts sessions have been a better length for students and related arts teachers. This has also allowed classroom teachers an opportunity to collaborate and plan during related arts times. Returning to longer related arts sessions would require us to return to a 6-day rotation however the longer class sessions will be a better experience for related arts teachers and students. Art classes will be 60 minutes and LMC, Music, and PE will be 45 minutes in the 2021-22 academic year. Families will be offered a consistent weekly library return day.](#)

[Budget update - CKCS's curricular budget request has been approved by the district. Our request for 6 CIT stipends has also been approved. We have also been granted a .5 FTE school social worker \(not requested but will be a great help for our students and school\). The social worker will split 1.0 FTE between CKCS \(.5 FTE\) and VAIS/NCCS \(.5 FTE\). PRT will be funding the November Professional Development math training \(full PD day\).](#)

[Parent-led groups fundraising update: PASS will be focusing on fundraising for curricular needs not funded by the district \(long-term, funding will generate from the endowment\). PRT will be focusing on fundraising for family, fun, and school-wide community-building events, and teacher support and](#)

encouragement (teacher appreciation, professional development days, etc.)

**Enrollment** - no update

**Hiring Committee update** - Regan Covington (previously at Country View elementary within the district) will replace Hannah Madison (middle school special education teacher). Jillian Bauer has chosen not to return to her teaching position at CKCS next school year as she explores other career opportunities. Kelley Greene will be returning to Kindergarten for the 2021-22 academic year. We will be conducting second interviews for the open 4th grade position (previously occupied by Kelley Greene).

**V. Board topics**

**A. Discuss: Elections (Joleen, Erin)**

The President position (Joleen outgoing president) remained open in the recent elections. Erin has volunteered to fill the open President position, and Lauren has volunteered to fill the open Vice President position.

**Joleen motioned to nominate Erin Marriott as president of Governing Council. Abbey seconded. Passed unanimously.**

**Jenny motioned to nominate Lauren McQuiston as vice president of Governing Council. Rick seconded. Passed unanimously.**

A community representative position, previously filled by Lauren, is now vacant. The position will remain vacant until kindergarten orientation in August. After sharing information about GC at kindergarten orientation, we will allow a period for new interest to be submitted and will vote in September on both community representative positions (one position currently vacant, one position currently held by Jorja Gander). An application has been received for the community rep position.

No additional staff members were interested in the teacher representative position. Nicole Boedeker will continue serving in this role.

**B. Discuss: Family Handbook (Erin, Jenny)**

GC reviewed the current Behavior/Expectations section of the handbook per edits from Rick and Marlene. GC decided to scale back this section in the handbook further to focus solely on the Behavior Code of Conduct district policy and parent expectations and responsibilities. **Jenny will further edit the behavior section of the handbook and send a new edition to GC members prior to the July meeting.**

**C. Dialogue: Fall parties and focus (Rick)**

CKCS fall classroom parties have historically included Halloween costumes, resulting in some students opting out of these fall parties. Historically the optional PRT-sponsored family fun event on the weekend surrounding Halloween allowed students the opportunity to wear costumes/dress-up with classmates. It's the recommendation of GC that CKCS fall classroom parties be non-costume parties and fall parties land on a date other than Halloween (or the week of Halloween). This will be more inclusive for all students and not single out students who choose not to participate in Halloween-related activities. The date of the fall parties may shift to the shorter school week in October (same week of parent-teacher conferences) and will focus on autumn/harvest themes. Erin will follow up with PRT on the family fun event in October and communicate that fall classroom parties will no longer include dressing up/costumes.

**VI. Future agenda and/or parking lot items**

**VII. Adjourn**