



Governing Council

12 AUGUST 2020

6:00pm

Approved 09/09/2020

Location: Zoom call due to COVID-19 quarantine

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 Boedecker, Curriculum Coord.
- 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
- Tamara Gunwall, Audience

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 Boedecker](#)

II. Audience recognition & reminder

III. Dates, announcements and brief agenda items

- A. Next GC meeting: September 9, 2020
- B. Parking lot items
- C. Discuss previous minutes - July - [Approved](#)
- D. Dialogue PRT update (Sara)
- E. Dialogue PASS update (Jennifer)

IV. Director's Report (Rick)

[Building Move Update](#): Teachers are in their classrooms and getting their spaces ready for the start of the school year. Playground is finishing assembly. Cafeteria will be the last project to be completed but is on track to be ready by the start of the school year in September.

[Fall 2020 Virtual+](#): VASD school board approved K-2 in-person four half-days/week and a virtual start for 3-12, beginning September 8. All district students have the option to commit to all virtual learning in the fall. As of today, 15 CKCS families have not selected their choice for the fall semester. The default choice will be online only to any families who do not complete the choice form. A recommended/expected schedule of a typical CKCS school day will be emailed to parents once content is approved by VASD. The majority of CKCS families chose Option 1 (in-person learning as directed by VASD) to start the school year. Breakfast and lunch will be available to all students attending in-person. K-2 teachers will teach reading and math in-person, and provide asynchronous lessons for CORE (science, social studies, language and related arts). K-2 in-person Morning Meeting will focus on community building and emotional learning. Educational Assistants schedules/classroom involvement will look different from a typical year to accommodate supporting both morning and afternoon groups. Morning groups will begin at 7:30, rather than our usual 8:30 start. Mondays will be asynchronous learning for all students K-8. Virtual synchronous learning will operate through Zoom. Seesaw will be used for elementary students; Canvas will be used for middle school students. Middle School students will rotate A-B days, alternating math and Language Arts each day. The total number of minutes for math and LA will not be impacted by this A-B schedule. Physical Education, Independent Reading and WIN ("What I Need") will be

asynchronous. Math, LA, Encore 1 & 2, Social Studies and Science will be taught synchronously Tuesday-Friday.

V. Board topics

A. Guest concern: Tamara Gunwall

Ms. Gunwall (Kindergarten teacher) has concerns over the previously approved math curriculum pilot and the timing of the pilot program. She expressed concern over the updated math curriculum pilot program for the entire school this year in our current season, when most students are learning virtually this fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Neither our current math curriculum nor the new proposed curriculum are virtual programs. As initially presented to the staff in Spring 2020, the pilot program would be limited to several classes/teachers. This updated change was surprising and concerning to Ms. Gunwall. **Ms. Gunwall asks that this pilot program be delayed until the 2021-2022 school year so that we are able to better train teachers and implement the pilot program as initially planned.** Ms. Gunwall is not certain we will gain the data we need to make a clear decision on if this curriculum is the best for our students. As a teacher, Ms. Gunwall emphasizes that this is an added stress to this already difficult school year with virtual learning and significantly different in-person school. Ms. Gunwall also mentions that this pilot program is not an option for families and expresses concern that teachers will not have enough training to implement a new math program.

GC will discuss Ms. Gunwall's concerns in a closed session.

Math Pilot program update: The Math Expressions publisher will be providing all teacher and student materials at no-cost to CKCS for this pilot year. VASD will be covering all Professional Development costs (\$5500) associated with this pilot program.

Joleen motioned to approve a Math Expressions pilot program across all K-5 classes at CKCS for the 2020-2021 school year in the Virtual+ model. Erin seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

- B. Dialogue: GC Bylaws (Joleen) - moved to next meeting agenda due to amount of discussion time spent on Guest Concern
- C. Dialogue: GC Mission Statement (Joleen)
GC Mission Statement renewed for 2020-2021 school year.
- D. Dialogue: Individual Goals (Joleen)

GC members will set two goals for this school year.

Goals may include:

- Committee involvement
- Fundraising goals
- Volunteer commitment at CKCS or GC events

Send goals to Joleen prior to our next meeting.

Currently, there is not a GC member to chair the outreach committee. Joleen called for a GC member to please step up to do so.

E. Dialogue: GC Working Agreement (Joleen)

Joleen will send last year's GC Working Agreement to review.

F. Dialogue: Parent concern re: school uniforms (Joleen) -

Moved to next meeting agenda due to amount of discussion time spent on Guest Concern

VI. Future agenda and/or parking lot items

A. Parent Handbook review

VII. Adjourn

Abbey motioned to adjourn. Erin seconded. Unanimously passed.