



Governing Council

9 SEPTEMBER 2020
6:00pm

Approved 10/14/2020

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 Boedeker, Teacher Rep
- Joleen Rau, President
- Erin Marriott, Vice President
- Melissa Moser, Secretary
- Abbey Weiss, Treasurer
- Jenny Hammes, Parent Rep
- Lauren McQuiston, Community Rep (absent)
- Jorja Gander, Community Rep

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 & reminder

III. Dates, announcements and brief agenda items

- A. Next GC meeting: Oct 14
- B. Parking lot items
- C. Discuss previous minutes - Aug - [Approved](#)
- D. Dialogue PRT update (Sara)
- E. Dialogue PASS update (Jennifer)

IV. Director's Report (Rick)

School Start - CKCS completed Day 2 of our current In-Person/Virtual hybrid model due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. K-2 students have the option to attend school in-person half days Tuesday-Friday, and students in grades 3-8 are currently meeting entirely virtually with few exceptions. Our schooling models (synchronous, asynchronous, Zoom, timing of live teaching, etc.) may be adjusted as needed throughout the first several weeks of school. K-2 In Person is going very well and the teachers have done a great job putting safety measures in place. Drop off/pick-up going smoothly with little waiting.

Rick suggests we discuss the current school year on next month's agenda once we've experienced the first several weeks of both in-person (K-2) and virtual learning (grades 3+). iPad exchange went well, and almost every student exchanged their old iPad for a new iPad this school year. CKCS is working on a material pick-up event that allows parents to retrieve school materials (textbooks, workbooks, etc.) for the first Quarter of the school year.

Monday Related Arts Learning - Related arts synchronous learning will occur on Mondays (an update from previously communicated asynchronous learning day). Zoom lessons will be recorded and attendance will not officially be taken on Mondays.

Operating Budget - Verona School District is controlling all operating budgets and has frozen budgets for the time being. This should not significantly affect CKCS, as most of our budget has been spent prior to this freeze on referendum/new building expenses.

Enrollment - Prior to the start of the school year, several students stepped away from CKCS to homeschool or enroll in

other virtual learning options due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students who chose virtual learning through the school district are still considered CKCS students and will count toward our school enrollment.

Referendum Update - Exterior signage still needs to be completed by the school district. "Core Knowledge Charter" will be added to the exterior of our building below the Badger Ridge signage. The new cafeteria still needs some sound dampening improvements. All other updates have been completed.

V. Board topics

A. Dialogue: Teacher Representation on GC (Joleen, Rick, Melissa)

- Historically a teacher representative was not an elective teacher as suggested within our bylaws. Each year, teachers are encouraged by the Curriculum Coordinator to attend either a PRT or GC meeting at least once throughout the year.
- If a teacher rep is elected to GC, this teacher could be a K-5 teacher or a 6-8 teacher, and may not be able to best represent both perspectives.
- For more than eight years, we have only had the Curriculum Coordinator serve as the teacher representative.
- Rick suggests we survey all CKCS teachers to see if they would like to be represented beyond our director and our curriculum coordinator on our governing board. In a typical school year, there are regular monthly teacher meetings (K-5, 6-8 and K-8 meetings). PRT and GC items that are "must knows" are shared at these meetings.
- The teacher representative stipend is funded by the school district. If we were to add a teacher representative position, we would need to look at our school budget to find these funds or discuss funding with PRT to see if they could fiscally support this additional role.
- **Next steps - teachers will be surveyed at some point this year to gauge interest in electing a teacher rep, in addition to the curriculum coordinator, OR if they feel they are being represented well under our current model. Bylaws will be reviewed once we know teacher feelings on this GC board position.**

B. Dialogue: GC Bylaws (Joleen)

Board reviewed proposed edits in each section in our bylaws.

Joleen will send a finalized version (PDF) of the bylaws to the GC to review prior to the October meeting. GC will vote on the bylaws at our next meeting.

- C. Dialogue: Individual Goals (Joleen)
- D. Dialogue: GC Photos (Joleen)
Have: Erin, Rick, Nicole, Melissa, Jenny
Have not: Lauren, Abbey, Jorja
- E. Discuss: GC Working Agreement (Joleen)
Moved to next meeting agenda
- F. Discuss Management Plan & Working Agreement (Rick)
Moved to next meeting agenda
- G. Dialogue: Parent concern re: school uniforms (Joleen)
At a previous meeting, a parent asked GC to consider adopting school uniforms as it gives students an even playing field. GC discussed the expense of uniforms families would incur if we move toward a school uniform. Because we are a public school option, we don't feel uniforms are the right direction for CKCS at this time.

VI. Future agenda and/or parking lot items

- A. Parent Handbook review
- B. CKCS Strategic Plan
- C. VACKCS.com website review
- D. PRT Newsletter - no updates to add at this time

VII. Adjourn

Erin motioned to adjourn. Melissa seconded. Unanimously passed.