



Governing Council

11 NOVEMBER 2020
6:00pm

Approved 12/17/2020

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

AGENDA

I. Reading of the CKCS Mission Statement

- 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 Lauren McQuiston](#)

II. Audience recognition & reminder

III. Dates, announcements and brief agenda items

- Next GC meeting: Dec 9
- Parking lot items
- Discuss previous minutes - Oct - [Approved](#)
- Dialogue PRT update (Sara)
- Dialogue PASS update (Jennifer)

IV. Director's Report (Rick)

[Virtual Plus](#) is currently focusing on learning/educational supports and engagement for students who are struggling with virtual learning, with a strong emphasis on literacy.

Grades 3-5: 1:30-3 Tuesday-Thursday (20 spots)

Grades 6-8: 2:30-3:45 Tuesday-Thursday (30 spots)

School transportation is available for Virtual Plus. Virtual Plus started Tuesday, November 10th. 17-20% of students grades 3-5 are enrolled in Virtual Plus at CKCS.

[Equity Work](#) - Recently staff have been focusing on biases in our curriculum. For example, examining different perspectives in history that typically have been previously overlooked in our curriculum.

[Operating Budget](#) - VASD has frozen budgets until further notice, but CKCS has not been drastically affected. Most of the CKCS budget was satisfied through the referendum/building move funds. District funded items so far this year total \$9496 and include our current math curriculum pilot program.

[Enrollment](#) - current enrollment 415 students

[Hiring Committee](#) - no updates

Upcoming Dates

November 10 - Virtual Plus starts

November 24 - Normal school day for CKCS students

November 25-27 - No school (Thanksgiving)

Referendum Update

A drop ceiling in the new elementary cafeteria has been added to improve acoustic and lighting in that space. Interior signage to be installed. Exterior signage directing community members

to refrain from outdoor spaces during school hours to be installed.

V. Board topics

A. Dialogue: Math Curriculum Update (Nicole)

First quarter wrapped up and Mrs. Boedeker reached out to all elementary teachers for feedback on the pilot program so far this school year.

Strengths:

- Lessons are bringing a context to math. Students are seeing the application of math in everyday situations.
- Teachers and students like the iTools and hands-on manipulatives.
- Asking students to explain their thinking has been a good and needed challenge. Our students struggled with this at the beginning of the year, but are improved throughout the first quarter.
- Improved student engagement
- Math vocabulary
- Homework and Remembering - appropriate amount of practice but is not overwhelming
- Younger grades love the Puzzled Penguin

Next Steps:

- More Professional Development for staff
- The Math Curriculum Committee will be meeting in the coming months to review the pilot program.
- Explore more differentiation opportunities and how it fits within this new curriculum.

B. Dialogue: Parent Handbook (Jenny)

Jenny shared this document with GC. The section describing correcting student work was not appropriate for handbook and has been removed. Library behavioral expectations will also be removed. Parent behavioral expectations to be added.

GC should review the Parent Handbook with suggested changes prior to December's meeting. Send any additional suggestions to Jenny by December 1. Jenny will be presenting a clean version of the updated parent handbook at our December meeting.

C. Dialogue: Equity Team Update (Rick) (see above in the director's report section)

D. Dialogue: Outreach Committee Update (Lauren, Jorja)

Zoom sessions this winter will occur in place of in-person tours this school year. Mr. Kisting and/or Mrs. Boedeker will join these Zoom sessions for the Q&A portion. Will be sending postcards to incoming Kindergarten students. Looking for ways to encourage parent involvement on social media to promote CKCS.

Mr. Kisting is working to capture video footage of direct instruction to share with potential families.

- E. Dialogue: Virtual Plus (Erin) (see above in the director's report section)

VI. Future agenda and/or parking lot items

- A. CKCS Social Media Oversight
- B. CKCS Strategic Plan
- C. Management Plan & Working Agreement
- D. Review the VACKCS website and send suggestions to Melissa

VII. Adjourn

Melissa motioned to adjourn. Erin seconded. Unanimously passed.