



Governing Council

3 November 2021

7:00pm

Location: LMC

Approved 1/19/2022

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-absent
- Melissa Moser, Secretary
- Abbey Weiss, Treasurer
- Jenny Hammes, Parent Rep
- Julia Fischer, Community Rep-absent
- Audience: Laura Meicher

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 Melissa Moser](#)

II. Audience recognition & reminder

III. Dates, announcements and brief agenda items

- A. Next GC meeting: Dec. 8, 7 pm
- B. Parking lot items
- C. Discuss and vote to approve previous minutes [Nicole motioned to approve the September minutes, Erin seconded. Passed unanimously.](#)
- D. PRT update- Last Friday PRT hosted a truck or treat, dance, and book fair. The event was very well attended by many CKCS families. The book fair profit exceeded all previous book fairs. We will be hosting a BOGO book fair at the end of the school year for summer reading. We will be hosting a Sugar River Pizza fundraising night in November.
- E. PASS update- no update

IV. Director's Report (Rick)

Fall Parties and Costumes -Elementary fall parties occurred the day prior to fall break, rather than Halloween weekend. Middle School students were permitted to wear costumes this year the Friday before the Halloween weekend, Elementary students were not permitted to wear costumes this year. Overall this was a welcome change by staff and families.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - a survey will be sent to MS families about the structure of future conferences.

Enrollment Request - By December 15, CKCS will provide a written enrollment request to the District. We will be requesting funding based on our 3rd Friday in September student count. We will again request 415 students in our enrollment request for the 2022-23 academic year. GC members should review the Enrollment Request document prior to the December GC meeting. We will vote on the Enrollment Request document at the December GC meeting.

Budget Update - The Budget committee will be assembling in November to review the current budget. Currently the CKCS Elementary and Middle School site budgets are doing very well this year. We have funds earmarked for field trips and IXL, which may not be needed this year. There are some nominal funds earmarked for furniture updates, which would not cover any significant furniture needs. The District provided significant

increases to the site budgets this year, which Rick anticipates will continue in future year budgets.

Enrollment Update - 418 students are currently enrolled in the 2021-22 academic year. We have recently added three new students in grades 2, 3, and 4.

Hiring Update - Abby Baxter has resigned as the shared CKCS/NCCS/VAIS social worker. This is a district hired position and interviews will take place next week.

Board Updates - Meredith Stier Christensen was recently voted in as president for the VASD Board of Education, the position which was recently vacated by Noah Roberts. Joe Hanes has been selected by the Board of Education for the open VASD board position.

V. Board topics

A. Committee Updates

- Outreach - The Outreach committee is currently planning four in-person tours and one Zoom tour for families interested in the 2022-23 school year. We are looking for a volunteer to design the postcard for this year.
- Hiring - no updates
- Budget - Meeting in November. Currently the committee is looking for a Middle School teacher rep to serve on this year's budget committee.
- Curriculum - An email went out to CKCS families, seeking volunteers for this year's curriculum committee. So far seven parents have volunteered to serve on this year's committee.

B. Enrollment Request (Rick) - see Director's Report above

C. Back to School Night and Parent Teacher Conferences Feedback (Erin) -

Back to School Night - Rick requested feedback about this year's Elementary and Middle School Back to School Nights. Suggested we consider organizing school photos for both Elementary and MS during the Back to School Night. A volunteer or teacher would be helpful to staff the Core Knowledge Middle School table to pass out schedules in an orderly manner. We may consider pivoting to a CKCS K-8 Back to School night to give more attention to Core Knowledge MS students (rather than getting lost in the Badger Ridge Back to School Night). Consider adding a new family orientation for families with older students (not kindergarten students) new to CKCS.

Parent Teacher Conferences - Elementary parents appreciated the option for either Zoom or in-person conferences this year. Students are encouraged to be involved in these conferences by working with parents and teachers on setting year-long goals. The Middle School survey will seek information from parents on whether they prefer to meet with Core teachers or Encore and advisory teachers.

VI. Future agenda and/or parking lot items

VII. Adjourn