



## Governing Council

11 MAR 2020

6:00pm

Location: Step Room, CKCS

Approved 4/8/2020

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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

Discuss: Council discussion & vote

Dialogue: Council discussion, gathering of ideas, exploration, and FYI

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### GC Board Members:

- Rick Kisting, Director
- Nicole Boedecker, Curriculum Coord.
- Joleen Rau, President
- Shunta Lewis, Vice President
- Erin Marriott, Secretary
- Abbey Weiss, Treasurer - absent
- Charles Gleason, Parent Rep
- Lauren McQuiston, Community Rep
- Melissa Moser, Community Rep
- Jenny Hammes, shadowing Treasurer
- Audience: Chris Kiefert, Jorga Gander, Tamara Gunwall, Marcia Tennyson, Jennifer Mueller

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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.

### II. Audience recognition & reminder

### III. Dates, announcements and brief agenda items

- A. Next GC meeting – Apr 8
- B. Parking lot items
- C. Discuss previous minutes - Feb
- D. Dialogue PRT update (Chris)

Adult social is scheduled for April. The color run and trivia nights have been successful for fundraising for the year.

- E. Dialogue PASS update (Jennifer)

August 22nd is the gulf outing, organized from PASS. There's a meeting on Sunday from 7-8 pm for those interested in organizing this event. There have been updates to the [vackcs.com](http://vackcs.com) website, as of March we will be meeting our goal for the endowment.

### IV. Parent Concern - Chris Kiefert, enrollment, lottery, and parent leadership boards

Per our contract with the district, PRT is in charge of the elections for parent leadership boards. Chris would like to know when the new charter contract takes effect. She wants to know why language for the preference for students of parents on the elected parent leadership boards and staff of the school have preference for enrollment was included in this contract. She also wants to know which board position this includes.

Discussion:

Joleen reviewed the DPI requirements for enrollment to charter schools. DPI includes specific language for this preference, and this language was included in the CKCS contract to conform. It should be noted that all of the other criteria for enrollment preference supersede this addition in the charter. (For example - a current sibling attending CKCS already has preference that would be higher than serving on a board).

The recently VASD school board-approved CKCS contract, which includes the addition of this preference language takes effect as of July 1, 2020. Moving forward, recommendations for preference of board members will be reviewed and voted on by Governing Council in closed door session; should a recommendation be approved, CKCS administration will send the preferential request to the district prior to the lottery.

The new preference language isn't meant to necessarily be a marketing strategy to encourage parents to be on parent leadership boards.

PASS will draft responses to Chris' questions.

## **V. Director's Report (Rick)**

Feb. 20th was a CKCS development day, teachers went to other schools to observe how things were done there. The focus was on schools that have measurably addressed areas that the Continuous Improvement Team has been working on. In the afternoon the teachers came back and discussed what they observed and things they wanted to implement. There are some things that have already been implemented and other things will be implemented next school year.

Feb. 21st was a session led by Nicole, K-8 on social studies standards. Some of these standards are not met with the Core Knowledge Sequence so the teachers discussed how to add in the required standards. The other part of that day was District classes.

School start and end times for the next school year will stay the same for CKCS next year, the District sent information to parents about this.

Budget - Teachers are working on lists of what they need for the move and Rick has been discussing this with PRT.

Enrollment - Rick shared the enrollment numbers and total submissions for each grade. The lottery was 3/10/2020.

Hiring - There is an EA position open, we did not have a lot of applicants for this. There will be another EA position that will be taking a leave starting the end of March for the remainder of the year. Rick/Shunta will interview for these positions.

There have been many District discussions and meetings regarding COVID-19 and communication regarding this will be coming from the District.

Referendum updates - staff met with the moving company on 2/24 to go over the moving process and the staff is well prepared for planning for the move.

## **VI. Board topics**

- A. Discuss 2020-21 Professional Development days:  
11/24/20 and 2/18/21

These are the suggested dates for PD days for the next school year. Rick motioned to approve, Charles seconded, unanimously approved.

- B. Dialogue recess timing (Erin)

Erin presented information regarding research that has been done that shows that recess first and followed by lunch leads to healthier eating and less food waste. Due to the schedule being set for next school year and the other big changes taking place next school year, we will discuss this again in Nov. 2020.

C. Dialogue GC Board open positions (Joleen)

Community representatives are one year positions. Parent representative is a 3 year position. Even for those who want to stay in their positions, their name will be on a ballot for parents to vote. Anyone wanting to stay on the board must complete a nomination form.

The goal is to have term lengths be staggered so that there is overlap between existing and new board members.

PASS discussed that they will have several openings on their board.

D. Dialogue Hiring committee (Rick, Shunta)

See above in Director's Report

E. Dialogue Curriculum committee (Nicole)

This committee has met three times, reviewing the content standards for math. The previous meeting reviewed data - school report card data for our school and other schools in WI. They will bring recommendations to Governing Council for approval.

F. Dialogue upcoming dates: (Joleen)

March 10: Lottery

April 6 & 20: K Screening

We need volunteers to talk about the parent leadership boards.

G. Dialogue parent leadership "potluck" (Joleen)

Rick suggested having the three parent leadership groups discuss goals for the 2020-2021 school year. Rick suggested having an Adaptive Schools representative attend to help facilitate the discussion. We discussed having the potluck in August instead so that we have more time to set goals over the next several months. Erin will email PRT so they are aware, Jennifer from PASS was present at the meeting.

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

A. GC Bylaws (Joleen)

Joleen is working with a lawyer on this and will continue to update GC.

B. CKCS Strategic Plan (Rick)

C. Parent concern: School uniforms

**VIII. Adjourn**

