

Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy: CFA

Board Meeting

March 3, 2014

Location: High School Room 403

Present: Ted Bell, Phillip Byers (via phone), Jerald DeLaGarza, Paul Foley, Andy Francis, Sally Harbin, Nick Longerbeam, Jason Ruff, Paula Staley, Donna Trimble

Not Present: Ronda Alexander and Jeff Powell

Others Present: Joe Maimone, Jason Cole, Jeff Ziegler, Cathy Kinter

Opening:

The meeting opened at 5:45 p.m.

Pledge

Prayer

Public Comment:

No public comment

Chairman's Moment:

Andy Francis thanked everyone for the extensive amount of time they put in as board members, staff, administration, etc.

Seventh Grade Presentation:

The seventh grade team (represented by Aaron Hess, Megan Hess, Kelly Scruggs and Barbara Head) demonstrated the naturally occurring cross-curricular fit of topics covered by the various teachers throughout the school year in a Prezi presentation.

Minutes:

The February board meeting minutes were presented. Paul Foley made the motion to accept the minutes, and Jason Ruff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Paul Foley noted that the finance committee had met earlier in the afternoon and that the January 31 budget (see attachment 2a-f) was on track.

Continuing Business:**Team CFA Report:**

Paul Foley asked Tony Helton, TeamCFA Southeast Regional Director, to give an update on CFA's North Carolina schools. Mr. Helton reported that there will be three new schools opening this fall in North Carolina. One is in Waynesville, one in Durham, and the third in Charlotte. He noted if he can be of any help to please contact him and asked for everyone to be on the lookout for board members for the schools within our state.

Forum Report:

Although the Forum meeting was cancelled because of snow, the Burgundy and Gold Scholarship Committee was meeting at the same time as this board. Joe Maimone noted that the committee's recent fundraiser collected \$5,500.

Director's Report:

Joe Maimone presented the report. He noted the school is in "the heat of the recruiting season." Although open house was able to be held on Friday, March 6, despite recent bad weather, the turnout was light compared to previous years. The school has received 279 new applications with 109 for kindergarten. He also reported the projected 1,315 students will "max out" the current space. Juniors took the ACT exams today. He noted this type of test may become a model for high school testing rather than EOC's, while EXPLORE and PLAN exams may replace EOG's. The school is reapplying for the Stonecutter Summer Science/Math Camp grant. The 2020 campaign has reached \$80,000 and visits to model schools have been scheduled. A priority project for facilities will include windows. With another window falling out, this becomes a project which cannot wait past summer. Mr. Maimone also reported the school was part of a video created by Parents for Educational Freedom to help demonstrate what the shortage of funds is doing to charter schools. He also showed board members the new version of the monthly newsletter.

Committee Reports:**Executive Report:**

No report.

Community Relations:

No report.

Curriculum:

No report.

Finance:

Paul Foley noted that from the committee's recent meeting, they would like to recommend accepting the retirement audit, approving the three-year renewal with Arcadia Northstar, and adjusting some line

items in the budget. Jerald DeLaGarza made the motion with a second by Nick Longerbeam. The motion passed unanimously.

Facilities:

No report.

Fundraising:

No report.

Legal Affairs:

No report.

Personnel:

Paula Staley noted the committee had met to review the changes in the staff handbook and wanted to recommend approving the revised handbook, which now includes an exit interview and a disciplinary action form. Sally Harbin made the motion with a second by Paul Foley. The motion passed unanimously.

Ad hoc Vision:

Joe Maimone again noted the upcoming visits to model schools and that an action item for the committee would be to explore a local property.

New Business:

Upcoming meetings: The next few board meetings are scheduled for April 7 (grammar school), May 5 (upper campus), and June 2 at 5 p.m. followed by the Burgundy and Gold dinner at 6:30 p.m.

EXPLORE/PLAN Testing Summary: Jeff Ziegler provided data (attachment 8) which allowed the board to see the school's results for students in grades 8 and 10. Mr. Ziegler noted the school's ACT scores are above state and local averages and usually are in the top 10 each year. Students in grade 8 who take the EXPLORE test and students in grade 10 who take the PLAN test outperform the national average in all of the subject areas each year. It was noted that this may be the last year ACT offers these tests, although no definite word has been received yet.

CFA Conference: Board members planning to attend the conference include Sally Harbin, Jerald DeLaGarza, Jason Ruff and Donna Trimble along with CFA representatives Paul Foley and Phillip Byers.

Jason Ruff made the motion to adjourn. Jerald DeLaGarza seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board adjourned at 6:22 p.m.