



Tallahassee Classical School

Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2023

6:05 pm – 8:46 pm

In Person and Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

- I. Call To Order at 6:05pm Bishop
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present and constituting a quorum (in no particular order): Chair Barney Bishop, Tim Qualls, Pam Griggs, Matt Mohler (via virtual). Also present: Principal, Hope Carrasquilla and General Counsel, Jeff Kottkamp, Esq.
- III. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. None
- IV. Public Comment (3-minute limit)
 - a. Daniel Phillips – Need final decision matter involving his son
 - b. Kelly Fleck – Parent upset and expressed concern about the art program and nudity being shown. (1 minute, 20 sec)
 - c. Brian Fleck – Parent expressed concern about the art program incident. (1 minute, 8 sec)
 - d. Mike Cockerham – Parent expressed concern about the art program incident. (3 minutes)
- V. Consent Agenda - **Motion** to approve by Pam Griggs upon revision of #7 ii, “What is the purpose?”, **seconded** by Tim Qualls - **Motion Carried**
 - a. Minutes of February 13, 2023, Board Meeting
- VI. Treasurer’s Report Griggs
 - a. Budget Update - No new financials currently.

- b. Update on Investor Call on Friday, February 24, 2023
- c. Gala Committee Update – Working on finalizing the venue for the gala. Special Board meeting on March 8 to discuss.
- d. Charity/ACE Agreement – **Motion** by Tim Qualls to enter into contract with Charity ACE subject to final packages that the Board selects and upon final legal review, no later than March 9. **Seconded** by Pam Griggs – **Motion Carried**
- e. Grow Your Good! Grant Application Update Status - \$5,000 cash reward and years' worth of use of software for free is granted.

VII. Board Chair's Comments

Bishop

- a. Step-Up for Student's Presentation – Lorraine with Step Up for Students presented information about scholarships available for scholars.
 - 1. Public Transportation Scholarship - \$750 per K-12 scholars to help with cost of transportation to attend another school. Home zone school district would need to give permission for scholar to attend outside district. Reopens for registration Spring 2023 for '23-'24 school year.
 - 2. Reading Scholarship - \$500 per K-12 scholar for reading materials, tutoring, etc. Accepting now for '22-'23 school year.
- b. Charter Links Documents Update
- c. Campus Design Schedule for Winter/Spring – Dates have been put out to the public for upcoming workshops – March 6, March 20, April 1, April 24. Contract for Campus Design by March 15.
- d. TCS had two Leon County School Board members on campus touring in recent weeks, Alva Smith and Laurie Cox.

VIII. Reports

a. General Counsel's Report

Kottkamp

- 1. Landscape Contract with Tilley Landscaping LLC – Has reviewed the contract. There are a few details that need to be looked at and need a new detailed contract.
- 2. Uniform Contract – All Uniform Wear sent back contract with one of the changes requested. Need to go back and try to get the inflation detail worked out.

Principal's Report

Carrasquilla

- 1. School Start Time – Send out a poll to parents and staff to see which option they would prefer for the school calendar. 1) Follow Leon County schools start and end days or 2) Revise our schedule to start August 16 and end later.

2. Adjust School Start Times for '23-'24 School Year – Approval of start time at 8:10am, end time to reflect the minutes needed in the day for scholars.
3. Financial Literacy Course – Required course to be taught in upper school. Scholars would take the course in 11th grade. Ramsay Education will cost an initial \$550 for the teacher training and materials and an additional \$30 per scholar book. Course is a ½ year course, possible to take Career Explore for the 2nd ½ of the year.
 - i. Look into other curriculum available for the required course. Get Matt Mohler the course code and he will check with 4H and Junior Achievement.
4. Food Service – Need list of scholars that owe for food program.
- b. Faculty Representative Report Reilly
- c. PSO Report Hawkes
- d. Parental Liaison Report Mohler

IX. Old Business

- a. Ad Hoc Committee on School Discipline Update Mohler
 1. Be sure meetings are virtual, at least one board member, and minutes are taken.
- b. Phillips Matter – The family would like a letter sent from the school to the district so they can write letter to district to have attendance changed from when their son was given out of school suspension. Based on son being disciplined not using correct policy/procedure at the school.
 1. **Motion** by Tim Qualls to use corrective action regarding this matter, and letter to the District be written Tuesday. **Seconded** by Pam Griggs – **Motion Carried, 3-1.**

X. New Business

- a. Art Instruction Issue re: Renaissance “Artistic Nudes”
 1. **Motion** by Tim Qualls that teachers at their discretion will work with Principal Carrasquilla to send out a notice to parents, and pictures (if it applies), two weeks in advance and for the syllabus to include what will be taught and seen. **Seconded** by Matt Mohler – **Motion Carried.**
 2. Ad Hoc Committee with parents, faculty and one board member to discuss and make recommendation on how to frame controversial pictures/topics for age appropriateness. Each Board member needs to choose a faculty member, one teacher, and one parent for the committee.
- b. Potential New Board of Trustees Member – Introduction of Louis Jean-Baptiste as a potential new board member.

1. **Motion** to accept Louis Jean Baptiste as a new Board of Trustees member pending the submission of Board Member Application. **Seconded** by Matt Mohler – **Motion Carried**

XI. Trustee Announcements

a. Once A Month Board of Trustees Meeting

1. **Motion** by Tim Qualls to have one Board of Trustees meeting per month, having the agenda and supporting materials distributed 72 hours in advance. Special meetings can be scheduled as needed. **Seconded** by Matt Mohler – **Motion Carried**

XII. Adjourned at 8:46pm

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 – 6 pm via **Microsoft Teams only**

Monday, **March 27, 2023** – 6 pm **In Person** @ TCS & via Microsoft Teams