

Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy: CFA
Board Meeting
June 2, 2015

Location: Grammar School

Present: Andy Francis, Jeff Powell, Jason Ruff, Jerald DeLaGarza, Sally Harbin, Paula Staley, Paul Foley (via telephone), Philip Byers, Ted Bell,

Not Present: Nick Longerbeam, Donna Trimble, Rhonda Alexander

Opening:

The Meeting Opened at 5:00 PM

Pledge

Prayer

Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Chairman's Moment:

Board Members were asked to participate in an activity for the TeamCFA Summer Conference. The board was asked who would be attending graduation. Fifteen places need to be reserved. Philip Byers will be leaving TJCA Board as of the end of this month. Mr. Byers has been appointed to the UNC board of Trustees. Erina Byers will be replacing Philip Byers as the TeamCFA Representative. Andy Francis recognized Bryan King's Presence. Byran King serves as the Rutherford County Commissioner.

Minutes:

The May 2015 Board Meeting minutes were presented. Philip Byers made the motion to accept the minutes. Sally Harbin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports:

Paul Foley presented the April 30, 2015 Financial Reports for information. The budget is on track anticipating a \$90,000 surplus at the end of the year.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

TEAM-CFA Update: Philip Byers presented the report. Four new schools will join the network this fall. The TEAMCFA conference will be in Denver beginning June 24 through June 27. TCFA Director of Operations, Cheryl Reinstadler will be attending graduation.

FORUM REPORT:

Joe Maimone presented the report. The Forum will do a teacher appreciation lunch this week on the upper campus. New Forum officers are being elected.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Joe Presented the Director's report stating the grade point scale required by the State of NC is changing to a 10 point scale. In addition, The AP scale will lower to 5.0 from 6.0, and honors from 5.0 to 4.5. These grade scale changes lower weighted GPA for high achieving students, while raising the unweighted GPA of lower performing students. TJCA cannot opt out of the scale changes. This year the TJCA Valedictorian's GPA is 5.0565. The TJCA Salutarian's GPA is 5.0535. Per Mr. Longerbeam, Mr.

Andrews stated that the new grade point scale is degrading our students, making our student appear more average. The teachers are concerned about the new scale.

The school has a very busy schedule this week in preparation for graduation. The board is invited to attend graduation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee:

The committee followed up with the policy updates and the implementation of those policies.

Community Relations Committee:

Nothing to report.

Curriculum Committee:

No Meeting. Last month the meeting revolved around future needs. The issue concerning 5th grade History Curriculum has been solved. The books that are falling apart have been taken apart laminated and put into folders by unit. Mrs. Harbin demonstrated one of the books. The Students will have access to a really good book that will not fall apart. The books are out of print but have the perfect content that goes along with the CORE Knowledge Curriculum. Research continues to take place concerning replacement books for the future. Mr. Ziegler will pass information along to the Curriculum Committee.

Finance Committee:

The Finance committee met and the budget is on track with a projected surplus of around \$90K.

Facilities Resources Committee:

No meeting this month. Jason Ruff updated the board stating the windows are on order and should be here in 3 weeks. Installation will take place this summer. The cost of the windows will be \$50K and will come from the Fiscal Year 2015 budget. Another item in progress is the parking lot project. Bid requests have been sent to 5 companies. The bid package deadline has passed and 2 bids were received. The Facility Committee will meet to discuss these bids.

Fundraising Committee:

No meeting this month.

Legal Affairs Committee:

No meeting. The committee will meet in a couple of weeks

Personnel Committee:

The Personnel Committee met May 11. Several came to the meeting and several shared their ideas regarding policies. How to handle excessive absences and tardies was the largest discussion. High School students missing exams was a stated problem. The committee worked to establish a policy which allowed the teacher to have flexibility. Another meeting will take place to finalize everything. Mr. Davis is working to establish an Athletic Handbook that will be presented for a first reading in July.

Ad Hoc Vision Committee:

Andy Francis presented the report. The committee is pushing forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next Meetings: Wednesday, July 1 (HS), Tuesday, August 11 (GS), and Tuesday, September 1 (HS)

TEAMCFA WNC Board Dinner:

Friday, September 11, 2015, Asheville, NC. Invitations to be mailed.

Board Approval and Recognition of Grants:

Thank you letters from the Board have been sent to:

TEAMCFA for the Summer Conference Grant in the amount of \$40,300,
Stonecutter for the Science and Math Camp Grant in the amount of \$15,000,
Horsehead for Parking Lot grant of \$10,000, and
Dover Foundation for a parking lot grant in the amount of \$5,000.

Student Handbook Policies Update:

The policies are attached for a first reading. The Final Version will be approved at the July 1, 2015 meeting. Major Changes include:

- Policy 3070 has been updated
- Policy 3075 has been added offering a trimester appeal for absences for grades 6-12
- Another appeal policy for the grammar is being established
- The Committee may even look at separate handbooks for the Grammar and the Upper campus.

Board At Large Position update:

June 1 deadline for applications has passed. The personnel committee will review 4 applications and set up interviews for June 17, 2015 4:00 – 8:00PM. Paula Staley, Sally Harbin, Ted Bell, Jason Ruff, Jason Cole, and Joe Maimone are on the committee. Chairman Francis will also participate. The committee will bring a recommendation to the board July 1.

CONTRACTS:

No Contracts

Adjourn.

Sally Harbin made the motion to adjourn. Ted Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.