

Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy: CFA
Board Meeting
June 3, 2014

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Location: Grammar School

Present: Andy Francis, Paul Foley, Ted Bell, Jeff Powell, Sally Harbin, Jason Ruff, Martha Owens, Paula Staley, Jerald DeLaGarza

Absent: Phillip Byers, Laura Daigle, Cameron Corder

OPENING:

The meeting opened at 5:00 PM

Pledge

Prayer

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

THIRD GRADE PRESENTATION:

The Third Grade presentation was tabled to the August 2014 meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S MOMENT:

Andy Francis thanked all those that work behind the scenes, and reminded everyone of the B&G dinner at 6:30 pm tonight.

MINUTES:

Ted Bell made the motion to accept the May 6th and the May 19th Board Minutes. Jerald DeLaGarza seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The budget was presented as information. The board discussed the anticipated year end position.

The ruling concerning Cleveland County Funds was received. The latest ruling states that Cleveland County Schools can set aside money in budget for special projects which prevents tax payer dollars from following students to charter schools.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

TEAM CFA REPORT: Paul Foley presented the Team CFA update. Please note the Around the Network attachment. TeamCFA approved a resolution encouraging schools to teach about citizenship. Jack Rowe has been named Director of the South West Region. The National TeamCFA Conference is coming up at the end of the month. Shinning Rock Academy has been accepted as a new TeamCFA school.

FORUM REPORT:

Joe Maimone presented the Forum report. Please see the attachment. Joe Maimone stated how thrilled he was with the new combined K-12 Forum group. The forum will be helping with refreshments for graduation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Joe Maimone presented the Director's Report. Testing summary reports should be available in August or September. EOG and EOC scores are still coming being received. The State says an 11 % growth should be expected. TJCA has jumped 15 points from last year. The MAP testing window is closed and the reports will be compiled. The GALA Ball has great leadership. The Gala introduction letter and sponsorship form have been sent out via email. The May Mist dance was very successful. As of May 29 \$3.4 million had been awarded to 36 out of 60 seniors. The scholarship award

number is expected to increase as further information is received. Last evening the spring sports awards were presented. Mason Fenner is a state champion in High Jump.

The board discussed the fact that 4th grade will promote from 5 sections into 4 sections which will cause each 5th grade class to have an enrollment of 27 students. Can a mobile unit be added for an additional 5th Grade class? Can another 5th grade teacher be added? An additional trailer will cost approximately 50,000. Could a meeting be scheduled with the 5th grade teachers in the near future to discuss this change and discover needs? A meeting in July would not allow enough time to have another classroom installed. The meeting could allow the opportunity to discuss the needs for this grade level with larger classes. Administration will work hard to get the numbers back 25 students. Parents are concerned with behavior issues and the fact that the original plan was not being followed. Could assistants be added to help with the additional numbers? Over enrollment does cover the natural attrition rate that happens every year. Administration is aware of the problem with larger size classes and will work to lower the number. As 5th graders leave the positions will not be filled. The Goal is a cap of 22 for grammar classes K-4 and 25 for 5-12.

The board asked if an exit interview or survey was taken for the 50 that left throughout the year. No formal documentation is noted, but conversations do take place in each case. Attrition can be attributed to half of the students moving and half leaving because the curriculum and expectations are too hard.

Executive Committee

The Final copy of the By-Laws is included in the packet. Jason Ruff made the motion to accept the By-laws. Ted Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Community Relations Report

No report was available.

Curriculum Committee

Martha Owens stated the committee had met and discussed test scores, 6th grade needs, whether or not to expand Singapore Math into 6th grade. The results in map growth and K-5 EOG math have been great with the use of Singapore Math. The former 5th grade math curriculum from McDougal Littel did not line up with Common Core standard. After 6th grade Singapore Math, the 7th grade transitions to algebra.

Test score goals were discussed. A school is High growth if 60% meet growth according to the NWEA national norm model. TJCA is showing 88% proficiency for math and 70% proficiency for reading. Mr. Ziegler will be compiling a complete report for the board. Map Science testing is currently coinciding with state Science requirements in 5th and 8th grades. The scores however are not coinciding. TJCA can opt out of Map Science at any time. Further discussion will take place concerning Science.

Finance Committee:

No official report.

Facilities Report:

Jason Ruff presented the report. The Facilities committee met twice this month to discuss summer projects. The committee has a list of needs and has prioritized the projects as follows:

- Grammar school addressing parking concerns with signage and painted fire lanes
- The committee recommends the following projects be added to the 14-15 budget pending Finance Committee approval:
 - JR HIGH GYM ceiling and heating/ac at a cost of \$24,720
 - Heating and AC for the JR High Building ending the use of the boiler and window units at a cost of \$46,000
 - Approval to delegate to the Facilities committee to purchase windows in the JR building at a cost of \$49,500

The Facilities Committee made the motion to install a drop ceiling and insulation in the JR HIGH Gym costing \$12,100 pending the Finance Committee Approval. Paul Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The Facilities Committee made the motion to install heating and air units in the JR High Gym and JR High Building pending Finance committee approval at cost of \$58,620. Jerald DeLaGarza seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The Facilities Committee made the motion to proceed with the purchase of new windows at a cost of \$49,000 pending Finance Committee approval and state budget numbers. Sally Harbin seconded the motion. The Cost will be added to 14-15 budget. The motion was approved.

The three motions total \$125,000 to be added to the 14-15 budget pending State numbers and Finance Committee approval.

Horsehead engineering documents have been received. Quotes need to be gathered for the parking addition. The quotes/estimates need to be taken back to Horsehead by July. Andy Cobb tasked the Facilities Committee to follow up.

Fundraising Committee:

Jerald DeLaGarza presented the committee report. The Gala plans and ideas for the black tie optional affair with a reverse auction are exciting. The Board members were asked to forward addresses for invitations, contacts for auction item possibilities and any collected auction item donations to the committee.

Legal Affairs Committee:

Ted Bell presented the report recommending the acceptance of the YMCA contract for the summer program and after school program. The contract has been tweaked per insurance requests and Legal Affairs Committee Recommendations. Jerald DeLaGarza seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The contract will be forwarded to the YMCA to see if they will accept the conditions and present the required documentation.

Personnel Committee:

No official Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next Three Meetings:

Tuesday, July 8 meeting will take place at 5:45 PM at the grammar school.

Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 5:45 pm at the Grammar School.

CREDIT BY MASTERY POLICY:

The policy was presented as a first reading. The wording of the policy is close to the state wording. The policy allows for credit to be given without taking the class. Students making the request must take a comprehensive exam that is TJCA approved. The policy will ensure that TJCA is prepared should a parent/student make the request.

FORUM and Teacher Representative to the Board:

This item was deferred until the July 8 meeting.

Nominating Committee Recommendations:

The following slate of officers was recommended by the Nominating Committee:

Andy Francis - Chairman

Paula Staley – Vice-Chairman

Sally Harbin - Secretary

Paul Foley - Treasurer

Philip Byers - Grievance Chair

Ted Bell seconded the motion to accept the slate of officers.

Andy Francis asked if there were further nominations from the Board. No further nominations. Paul Foley made the motion to close the nominations. Ted Bell seconded the motion. The motion to close nominations was approved. The slate of officers are accepted as stated above.

Contracts and Leases:

YMCA Recommendation for summer/after school care program was presented and accepted during the Legal Affairs Committee report.

ADJOURN:

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

The board adjourned at 6:48.