

**Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy: CFA**  
**Board Meeting**  
**September 2, 2014**

Location: Grammar School

Present: Paul Foley, Andy Francis, Ted Bell, Jeff Powell, Paula Staley, Jerald DeLaGarza, Philip Byers, Rhonda Alexander, Sally Harbin, Jason Ruff, Nick Longerbeam

Not Present: Donna Trimble

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

**OPENING:**

The meeting opened at 5:45 PM.

Pledge

Prayer

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment.

**THIRD GRADE PRESENTATION:**

The Third Grade Team (Donna Boggs, Melia Greene, Alenia Scism, Donna Elliott) presented an update on third grade. The team presented the pacing plan for the year. Third graders are reading to learn. The team presented the domains for third grade through a Jeopardy Game.

**CHAIRMAN'S MOMENT:**

Andy Francis passed out the Conflict of Interest Statements. Andy congratulated everyone who worked with the GALA Ball.

**MINUTES:**

The Paul Foley made the motion to approve the August 2014 minutes. Philip Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Paul Foley stated that the Finance Committee recommends the June 30, 2014 Financial Report as prepared by Acadia Northstar be accepted and approve. Jerald DeLaGarza seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Updated 2014-2015 Planning Budget was presented. The Finance Committee made the motion to approve the 2014-2015 updated planning budget with adjusted salary lines and contracts as recommended. Sally Harbin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

**TEAM-CFA UPDATE:** Paul Foley presented the TeamCFA report. The TeamCFA dinner for the TJCA Board will be in Asheville on Friday, September 12, 2014. Board Training with Tracy Banker is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2014. The training will begin around 8:30 or 9:00 am and last for 5 to 6 hours. More details will be coming.

**FORUM UPDATE:**

Christy Herndon presented the Forum Report. Please see the attachment. Meetings will be on the third Tuesday of every month. The Uniform resale was very successful. Staff Appreciated and Icee Fridays are going very well. The Treasurer position has changed from two people to one person. The Ten For Thom Campaign will begin this month.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Joe Maimone presented the Director's Report. Enrollment for first day was 1299. We have reached enrollment of 1305 and hoping the average will come in at 1300. TJCA no longer has a wait list in K or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The current waitlist total is 104 students. Grants and Fundraising – hoping to have netted \$20 K from the Gala Ball. Two Technology grants – Jimmy Johnson Grant for Chrome books, and the Facebook grant have been submitted. Dailey Beast recognizes TJCA as one of the top High Schools. TJCA has had a Fantastic start to the sport year. TJCA has had a great start to the school year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** No report.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** No report

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:** No report

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Covered earlier in the meeting.

**FACILITIES RESOURCES COMMITTEE:** The committee has not met. A meeting is scheduled for the next couple of weeks. Please see the attached report for an update for the summer projects.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:** no meeting. Jerald DeLaGarza extended appreciation to Dr. Patel, Stephanie Taylor, Kristina McNeal, Chris Carter, and Mary Swanson for putting the Gala together. Paul Foley made the suggestion to send a thank you note from the board to the political people and other special guests at the Gala.

**LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:** Meeting schedule September 11, 2014 at 4:00 PM to discuss statutory changes.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Paula Staley will be meeting with Georgia Maimone to get a teaching staff perspective of needs and agenda items that may need to be addressed. After that conversation, Paula Staley will schedule a Personnel Committee meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:****NEXT MEETINGS:**

Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 5:45 PM High School Classroom 403

Tuesday, November 4, 2014, 5:45 PM, Grammar School

Board Members are asked to serve the staff on Friday, December 19, 2014 for the Staff Luncheon

Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 5:45 PM, High School Classroom 403

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS:**

The board members were asked to complete the Conflict of Interest Statement distributed by Chairman Andy Francis.

Andy called for the board members to verbalize their conflicts.

Phillip Byers stated that he serves as TJCEF Executive Director, Works for John Bryan, and the Challenge Foundation.

Written Conflict of Interest Statements were collected.

**MAP TESTING RESULTS:**

Jeff Ziegler presented the MAP TESTING Results. Please see the attachment. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade numbers show a lower number tested because only Algebra I is tested in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. On average, third graders learned 2 years of math in one year, based on the mean RIT numbers and projected growth nationwide. The % of students meeting growth projections shows a few areas of potential improvement. Curricular adjustments and a grammar book series have been added to help these areas. Five years ago during accreditation, TJCA set a School Improvement Goal of having students to meet growth. We have set a high bar at 75% of students meeting growth projections in MAP (K-9) and PSAT scores (9-12). Note that the state considers a "high growth" school when only 60% of student meet growth projections on EOGs. We have reaching the 75% benchmark in some areas, and have gotten close in others. Accreditation is up for our five year renewal this year, and the goals will be reevaluated. MAP testing helps to diagnose weaknesses and helps faculty to target areas of needed improvement. Jeff will prepare a table that looks back 5 years.

**CONTRACTS/LEASES:**

The contract for First Choice Therapy was presented.

The contract for Robin Shephard Physical Therapy was presented.

Kelly Dailey Speech Therapy was presented.

Sally Harbin made the motion to accept the three therapy contracts required by the EC program nunc pro tunc. Paul Foley seconded the motion. The contracts are renewal contracts for therapy services. The motion passed unanimously.

Revised Teacher Contracts were included in the budget approval.

**ADJOURN:**

Ted Bell made the motion to adjourn. Philip Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board adjourned at 6:28PM.