



## **Minutes for March Meeting**

*March 12, 2023*

**Welcome** – *Debbie Clary-Chair called the meeting to order at 1pm.*

**\*\*Notification of the board meeting was advertised on the Pinnacle Classical Academy website and the front doors of the school building were open.**

*In attendance:*

*Attending: Senator Clary, Bobby Horton, Jayson Philbeck, Amy Dulin, Dr. Pauline Cahill, Dr. Shelly Shope, Wendy Clary, Jeff Ziegler, Angela Brooks*

**Conflict of Interest Statement:** *In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. If any board member has any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the board today, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict at this time, and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.*

*Bobby Horton noted a conflict of interest: He reminded the Board that his wife, Amy Horton works at the school as a Teacher Assistant.*

**Adoption of Agenda** *Motion made by Pauline Cahill seconded by Jayson Philbeck, all approved.*

**Public Comments** *Persons wishing to appear before the Board during this portion of the meeting should register their name and the subject they wish to address with the Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting. Each presentation will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Board is interested in hearing your concerns, yet speakers should not expect comment, action, or deliberation on subject matter brought up during the public comment segment. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate board committee. **No members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.***

### **Administration Reports**

**Dean of Elementary Education Report to the Board of Directors  
Presented by Mrs. Wendy Clary**

**March, 2023**

### **Action Items:**

- None

### **K-3 Personnel:**

- 2023-24 positions will be posted in order to begin the

interview process. **Data and Testing**

- Third Grade teachers met with admin on Friday, February 24 to look at collected data and to develop a plan to improve student growth.
  - 3rd Grade EOG Parent Night will be held 3/27 at 6:30

### **Teacher Retention**

- iLeader walkthroughs will take place on March 14th.
- Half-Day Planning for K-3rd grade levels will be given this month for teachers to assess and look at pacing and curriculum for the remainder of the school year.
- Beginning Teachers will have a monthly meeting in March-‘Bag of Tricks’, How to keep your students engaged until the end of the year.

### **Community/Parent Involvement**

- Kindergarten Parents were invited to Pastries with Parents on February 24th. There was an overwhelming response to this first event. Mrs. Jackson has done a fantastic job organizing and coordinating Pastries for Parents for each grade level (K-3).
- 3rd Grade will host an EOG Parent Night on 3/27 @ 6:30. This is an evening that will be filled with information on the upcoming standardized test that is given to 3rd grade students in May to determine 3rd grade proficiency in math and reading.
  - Brittany Jones, the K-5 Media Specialist, coordinated a Book Blast book drive. This event went above and beyond our expectations and raised enough money that every student at the K-3 campus will receive at least 5 engaging, age appropriate books each. The book packets

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will be delivered to each class and given out on Friday, March 10th. In addition to our students receiving books, 3 teachers earned a \$100 shopping spree to add books or manipulatives to their classroom. The library will receive a set of all four grade level books to add to our current media selection.

- Boosterthon Event 2023 was celebrated on Wednesday, March 8th. This event

was a Dance-a-thon for K-3rd grades. Parents were invited and several attended to support. ● Cleveland County Sheriff's Department will conduct a two hour basic medic training for staff on March 16th. Nurse Costner coordinated this class for both campuses. ● Lottery 2023 will take place at the K-3 Campus on 900 S. Post Road on March 13th at 6:00. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

● K-Day will be hosted on Friday, March 17th for all of our incoming kindergarten students. ● Book Week was celebrated the week of February 27th-March 3rd.

● Mrs. Jackson has been doing a fantastic job of keeping our Facebook page for the elementary school up to date and engaging.

### **Enrollment**

- Approximately 200 daycare packets have been delivered for prospective parents of rising kindergarten students.
- There have been close to 30 scheduled tours for the K-3 campus! K-3 School Tours have been very successful. We have had to open up additional slots due to the response. The “Pinnacle Swag Bags” have been a big hit.
- Preparations for our March 13th Lottery are being finalized and we are ready for our 2023 event!
- K-Day will be March 17th. There is a sign up button on our school website for parents to sign up for K-Day and an email will be sent to kindergarten parents right after the lottery on Monday, March 13th.

### **PEAK**

- PEAK was present at the kindergarten Pastries with Parents in February to inform parents about our organization and Ten for the Top giving opportunities.
- The March PEAK meeting will showcase 2nd grade in a short musical to be conducted by Carolyn Efird, our K-5 music teacher.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- Mar. 13th-2023 Lottery
- Mar. 14th-iLeader walkthroughs
- Mar. 15th-Report Cards go home
- Mar. 16th-Teacher work day & Basic Medic Training
- Mar. 17th- 2023 K-Day
- Mar. 27th-3rd Grade EOG Parent Night @ 6:30
- Mar. 28th-1st Grade Field Trip-Zoo
- Mar. 29th-Fire Drill
- Mar 30th-BT Meeting

- Mar. 31st-Spelling Bee, Pastries with Parents 1st Grade, Yearbook Orders due
- April 3rd-7th-iReady EOY Diagnostic
- April 10th-14th-Spring Break

## **2022-23 Pinnacle School Calendar**



## 4-12 Report to the Board of Directors

Presented by  
Mrs. Angela Brooks  
March 12, 2023

### **Action Item:**

- None at this time

### **Curriculum and Academics:**

- Our master schedule is now underway. We have heard back from CCC and on class offerings for next year and we will begin the registration process soon with our rising seniors. There will be a rising freshman orientation evening on Wednesday, March 29th at 5:00pm in the gym.
- Our students have attended various field trips over the last few weeks, and we have received positive feedback from our parents, students, and faculty about these opportunities. Our Spanish classes as well as the Spanish class through CCC attended a performance in Charlotte on Feb. 28th. Our 9th grade students attended a tour of the Biltmore House and grounds on March 1st, and our 8th grade students visited the University of Georgia and spent the night in the Georgia aquarium on their overnight trip March 1st- 2nd. One of our parents chaperoning the Georgia field trip said that a tour guide at the aquarium said they had been giving tours for over four years and they had never seen students be able to use science terminology so well and ask such wonderful questions.
- The end of the quarter is on March 10th. We are in communication with parents about students that have the possibility of retention or failing a course. Report Cards will go home the following week. I am especially keeping an eye on our seniors and currently they all seem to be on track to graduate high school on time. We do have two who are in jeopardy of not graduating with their Associates degree.

### **Community Involvement:**

- PCA's chapter of National Junior Honor Society sponsored a Sock Drive to help keep local community members warm this winter. Our students collected over 4,200 pairs of socks that were delivered to the Cleveland County Rescue Mission.

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- PCA's National Honor Society is once again 'FLUSHING CANCER' to raise money for our Relay for Life team. Last year, our Relay for Life team exceeded our goal of \$2,500, and we were one of the top 10 teams in Cleveland County. This year their goal is \$3,000. Please help us to exceed our goal again by participating in this fundraiser. Insurance for this fundraiser can be purchased for \$30.00.

### **Professional Development:**

- On Thursday, March 16th our faculty will be participating in the Rapid Response training conducted by the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office. There will be separate training sessions for each campus. While we don't ever want to use this training, preparedness is key for the safety and security of our school. We will be discussing what our collective PCA staff response is in the event of a crisis/mass casualty situation, our roles and responsibilities, basic first aid response and how we can interact best with our local first responders.
- We have had individual data discussions with all teachers in tested areas at the 4-12 campus. We are working to hit our goal of 88% proficient and know the only way to do this is to continue to monitor and adjust our teaching based on our data from various assessments.

We are currently projected to be lower than our 88% goal, but each person will continue to push towards this goal and we have outlined with the teachers their next steps to help move towards that goal.

### **Extracurricular Events:**

- **Spelling Bee**
  - On Friday, March 31st our 5th through 8th grade students will participate in Pinnacle's second annual spelling bee competition. We are excited for this opportunity for our students to show off their knowledge and look forward to an exciting competition.
- **Scholarship Committee**
  - The scholarship committee is meeting quite regularly at this time. They

are setting up committees of volunteers to interview students and working diligently to plan the upcoming golf tournament. The first round of interviews for seniors will be on Thursday, March 9th.

- The first annual Dare to Soar Golf tournament will be held at Deer Brook Golf Club on Friday, April 21st. We are looking for sponsors, door prizes, etc. to help make this event successful. More information can be found on the schools website or I will have flyers available for anyone interested at the meeting.

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### **Special Awards and Recognitions:**

- Madi Gettys, 9th grade student, has been accepted to the Red Hat Shelton Challenge at NC State University. Recipients are selected based on an application process. The Shelton Challenge leadership program is an immersive leadership-development experience for youth and college students. We are very proud and excited for Madi!
- Mrs. Cindi Welch recently presented at the Teaching Contemporary Mathematics conference at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Durham. We are confident that she represented Pinnacle well and are happy to have someone like Mrs. Welch to present at such a prestigious and academic event.
- Dr. Martin received a grant to attend the SACAC (Southern Association for College Admissions Counseling) conference in April. This will be an excellent opportunity for her to tour a couple of colleges, network with other counselors, and learn about ways to help students transition from highschool to college.
- Amaria Archie was the Pinnacle recipient of the ACE (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) award. She will be presented this award by the Shelby Exchange Club on Monday, March 13th.

### **Senior Activities:**

- The Class of 2023 will reach or exceed their goal of \$4,000,000.00. As of March 7th, they have been awarded over **\$6,586,488.00** in merit based scholarships. We are very proud of the Class of 2023 and continue to watch this number grow!

- Seventy four percent of our senior class has now applied for college or universities and 18% have already committed to their university or college.
- As of March 7th, we have had acceptances to over 60 different colleges and universities including: University of NC at Chapel Hill, Appalachian State University, Gardner Webb University, Tufts University, Wofford College, etc.
- Senior yard signs will go out to the Class of 2023 in March. We are excited to officially kick off the End of Year festivities with this tradition.

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### CLT10 Results

A Report to the Board of Directors of Pinnacle Classical Academy

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Jeff Ziegler

March 6, 2023

The CLT (Classic Learning Test), begun in 2015, is an alternative assessment to the ACT and SAT suites of tests.

We began to administer the CLT10 in 2021, as the 50 top-scoring students nationwide are guaranteed a \$2,500 scholarship at 200 partner colleges. One student (Ally Hudson, 2022) has won that scholarship.

There are 120 questions on each version of the CLT.



Test	Average PCA Score	National Average Score
Spring 2021 CLT10	72	62
Spring 2022 CLT10	70	62
Spring 2023 CLT10	67	62

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Classical Foundations Program (CFP) Update  
March 6, 2023

1. T. K. Coleman’s monthly videos, based on the board’s Values Statement, are shown each month to students in middle school and high school homerooms. In February, the theme was teamwork; in March, the theme is justice.
2. The Classical Foundation Program’s spring 2023 lecturer – recommended by advisory board member Thomas Pack – was Albert Eisenberg, co-founder of the Philadelphia-based media company Broad+Liberty. There was a high level of engagement, particularly with grade 10 students, as well as in the faculty presentation.
3. Mr. John Hood has agreed to be our 2023 graduation speaker on **Saturday, June 3**. His biography:

<https://www.johnlocke.org/about/team/john-hood/>

John Hood is president of the John William Pope Foundation, a Raleigh-based grantmaker that supports public policy organizations, educational institutions, arts and cultural programs, and humanitarian relief in North Carolina and beyond.

Hood also served as chairman of the board at the John Locke Foundation from 2015-2021. Hood helped found Locke in 1989 and served as its president from 1995 to 2014.

Since 1986, Hood has written a syndicated column on politics and public policy for North Carolina newspapers. It currently appears regularly in the *Winston-Salem Journal*, *Greensboro News & Record*, *Asheville Citizen-Times*, *Wilmington Star-News*, and newspapers in 50 other communities. Hood is a frequent commentator for radio and television stations and teaches at Duke University’s Sanford School of Public Policy.

Hood is the author of eight books, the latest of which is a Revolutionary War-themed historical-fantasy novel entitled *Mountain Folk* (2021). Hood's other books include *Catalyst: Jim Martin and the Rise of North Carolina Republicans* (2015), *Our Best Foot Forward: An Investment Plan for North Carolina's Economic Recovery* (2012), *Selling the Dream: Why Advertising is Good Business* (2005), *Investor Politics* (2001), *The Heroic Enterprise: Business and the Common Good* (1996), and two volumes of family history.

A former Bradley Fellow at the Heritage Foundation, Hood writes and comments frequently for national media outlets. His articles have appeared in magazines such as *Readers' Digest*, *National Review*, *The New Republic*, *Military History*, and *Reason* as well as newspapers such as *The Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*.

At Locke, Hood created the E.A. Morris Fellowship for Emerging Leaders, which prepares young North Carolinians for leadership roles in the public and private sectors. He also serves on the faculty and as board chairman of the N.C. Institute of Political Leadership; as co-chair of the North Carolina Leadership Forum, based at Duke University; as vice-chair of the James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal and the

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Carolina Liberty Foundation; and on the boards of directors of the State Policy Network, the Student Free Press Association, and North Carolinians for Redistricting Reform.

Hood received his B.A. in journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He earned a M.A. in liberal studies and a graduate certificate in nonprofit management from UNC-Greensboro. Hood currently serves on the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Visitors. He is a Mecklenburg County native and currently resides in Wake County with his wife, two sons, and a stepdaughter.



**Headmaster Report to the Board of Directors  
Presented by Dr. Shelly Shope  
March 2023**

**Action Items:**

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**Curriculum and Academics:**

• **Goals for the year**

- Increase Student Growth and Achievement - 85% proficiency as a school
- Increase PCA Pride
- Create a Positive School Culture

• **Professional Development**

- Beginning Teacher Program - Our Beginning Teacher Program is the strongest it has ever been. The support that Mrs. Richardson and Ms. McGinnis has provided is immeasurable. They have guided our Mentors as well as the Beginning Teachers. We will see the dividends of this work in years to come.

• **Testing**

- ACT is complete. We are preparing for NC Check-Ins, PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT.
- Our Latin students are preparing for the National Latin Exam on March 14.

• **Special Student Populations**

- ACCESS testing is complete for our English Language Learners! We are looking forward to seeing the growth of our ELL students
- We are wrapping up referrals. We are working hard to prepare for the end of the year and the beginning of next year.
- 504 plans are being updated and created as needed to meet student needs.

**Finance:**

- Financial information is attached. We continue to be in a strong financial position.
- In your packet is the recommended budget for the 2023-2024 school year. We will ask for approval at the April meeting.
- Off Budget Items
  - These funds are not part of our normal income. The limitations are very precise on how this funding may be used.
    - ESSER III
    - DHHS

**Human Resources:**

- **Positions for 2023-2024**
  - Positions for the 2023-24 school year have been posted online and we have started to recruit and interview to find the best possible candidates for our school.

**Community Relations**

- Our “Dare to Soar” tv show featured two of our 10 year staff this month. Mrs. Kaylor and Mrs. Clary did a wonderful job celebrating Pinnacle’s 10 year Anniversary.
- Our Parent Newsletter is emailed monthly to all parents. I continue to get very positive feedback from the newsletter.

**Legal / DPI:**

- **Charter Renewal**
  - Our charter was approved by Charter Schools Advisory Board for a 10-year renewal. It has been sent to the State Board of Education to await their vote.
- **Submissions to DPI**
  - Monthly reports on the expenditure of COVID funds.
  - Quarterly reports on specific COVID funds.
- **EpiCenter**

- We are up to date with all submissions.

### Athletics:

- Report is attached

### Enrollment Report

- **Marketing**

- Facebook Ads / Videos

- events

- student news

- press releases

- reposting news articles

- Sending Press Releases on school events
- Communicator Billboard
- Digital billboard.
- Shelby Shopper
- Information Packets to Daycares
- Mailings to local churches to offer meetings with interested parents
- Shelby Shopper
- Information Packets to Daycares

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- **Retention of new students**

- Mrs. Clary reaches out to the new kindergartners each month between now and August with something from the school.
- Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Barnes will be working to develop some ideas to make all new 4-12 students feel like part of the PCA family before they officially enroll next year.

- **2022-23 Enrollment**

- As of March 9th, we have received 276 Initial Applications for the 2023-2024 school year.

<p><b>Historical number of Initial Applications March</b></p>
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2023	276
2022	303
2021	266
2020	255
2019	280

- Based on the data below, we are recommending the following take place at the lottery on March 13.
  - Continue with 5 Kindergarten classes
  - Add an additional 4th-grade class

<i>updated 3/9/23</i>								
1175		<b>Expect ed LOI</b>	<b>Initial Apps</b>	<b>Classes 22-23</b>	<b>Classes 23-24</b>	<b>Offer</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Class Avg</b>
<i>all</i>	<i>K</i>	0	132	5	5	132	132	26.4
<i>all</i>	<i>1st</i>	97	17	5	5	17	114	22.8
<i>all</i>	<i>2nd</i>	106	17	5	5	17	123	24.6
<i>all</i>	<i>3rd</i>	94	14	5	5	14	108	21.6
<i>all</i>	<i>4th</i>	100	22	4	5	22	122	24.4
	<i>5th</i>	104	13	4	4	4	108	27
<i>all</i>	<i>6th</i>	86	15	4	4	15	101	25.25



## Board Report

3/7/2023

### Athletic Department

In February, the Athletic Department wrapped up our winter sports season. We are excited to announce that all 4 basketball teams earned spots to compete in the WPAC Conference Tournament. Our Varsity Lady Eagles finished 3rd . A big Congratulations to all teams.

The athletic department recently kicked off our spring competitive season. We are excited to be offering the following athletic opportunities to all students in grades six through 12.

- Varsity softball
- Varsity baseball
- Varsity women's soccer
- Middle school baseball
- Archery (3-12)
- Golf

Many of our teams will have their first match this week. We are super excited to watch them grow this season. As always, the Athletic Department will keep you updated regarding each team's success.

With the start of spring sports underway, we are already looking ahead to next year. The athletic department is excited to offer the following sports this coming spring:

- Varsity Volleyball
- JV Volleyball
- Varsity Men's Soccer
- JV Men's Soccer
- Co-Ed Tennis
- Co-Ed Cross Country

The Athletic Department is excited to announce that Mrs. Boone, our High School Science Teacher, has decided to spearhead the new athletic opportunity for the 23-24 school year. We are excited about the new athletic opportunity and our continuing to grow our athletic program.

Over the next few weeks you will see information posted on our social media channels regarding fall tryouts! If the past is a predictor of the future, we expect to have a huge interest in all sports! The students at PCA seem really excited about the growth and trajectory of our athletic program. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any



questions you may have. Thank you for entrusting me with the athletic program at PCA.

With Great Respect,  
Brandon Gosey

**Board Updates**

**Miscellaneous Board Updates**

**New / Old Business**

**Motion was made for Adjournment by Jayson Philbeck, seconded by Pauline Cahill, all approved.**