



Minutes

May 15, 2022

Welcome – Chairman *Debbie Clary* called the teleconference meeting to order at 1PM.

****Notification of the teleconference meeting was advertised on the Pinnacle Classical Academy website, 1 PM, and notification was posted on the front doors of the school building.**

In attendance: Debbie Clary, Wes Westmoreland, Dr. Shelly Bullard, Jeff Zeigler, Angela Brooks, Wendy Clary, Dr. Pauline Cahill, Jayson Philbeck, and Phyllis Nowlen were in attendance.

Adoption of Agenda with adoption Motion made by *Dr. Pauline Cahill* and 2nd by *Wes Westmoreland*. All Approved.

Approval of Minutes *Wes Westmoreland* made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2022 Meeting. *Dr. Pauline Cahill* seconded the motion and the Minutes were approved by the board.

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.*

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 one from the public was in attendance.*

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

Action Items:

- None

Community/Parent Support

- Landmark Baptist Church is sharing inflatables with us on 5/24 & 5/25
- Rev. Alan Davis is sharing his motivational presentation to our 3rd graders about persistence and focus. He is relating his presentation to them taking the End of Grade Test.
- The K-3 Spring Book Fair was a great success! Students shopped during their scheduled library time and also had the opportunity to order online. There were 3

after hours shopping days for families to join the students and shop together. The grand total for the K-3 campus was \$8,472.00!!! (A big “thank you” goes to Mrs. Kaylor for coordinating both the K-3 and the 4-12 book fairs!)

- PEAK thanked our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week by providing an apple bar and doughnuts on separate days. They have planned 15 minute mini massages for May 31st and June 1st for teachers to sign up to receive.
- The grandparents of one of our 2nd graders (Linda and Larry Carpenter) provided a Subway meal complete with a Subway sandwich, chips, and cookies as a way to say thank you to such a wonderful staff! *This is the second year that they have provided the K-3 team with a Subway luncheon.
- Many parents recognized and appreciated teachers during the first week of May for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Scholarship Bake Sale raised \$650.00 at the K-3 campus. Parents donated and/or baked items to sell to raise money for the Dare to Soar Scholarship Fund. Ms. Debbie Clary and Mrs. Vickie Spangler helped students make selections and received the money for the scholarship committee.

K-Day 2022 Extended

- We have all but a couple of the Brigance makeups to complete.
- Tours are still being conducted for prospective families.

Recruitment/Hiring

- Applications are being accepted and interviews are being conducted.
- More interested applicants are inquiring as of late and are being directed to our school website- “Employment Opportunities” where they can upload cover letters, resumes, and applications.

Congratulations

- Our media specialist, Mrs. Jessica Kaylor, has received the following Donors Choose Grant for 2022.

In the library, students do many fun projects that keep their minds stimulated and engaged. They enjoy picking out books. The library becomes a place where students can embark on a journey to expand their way of thinking and challenge themselves academically. I wanted to give the students the opportunity to use board games as a way to help drill down and reinforce learning concepts such as letter recognition, language acquisition, phonics, reading comprehension and storytelling mechanics.

Board games provide students with opportunities to apply concepts that they are learning by promoting collaboration, inquiry and critical thinking. Even simple games help young players identify colors, count spaces, and develop hand-eye coordination and dexterity in moving cards and pieces around the board. When students are engaged in playing board games without a lot of interruptions, it has been shown to lengthen a child’s attention span and encourage healthy brain

development in kids.

Board games also help children reinforce and develop reading skills, because board games provide a set of clearly defined rules and boundaries where kids are free to think critically and use their language abilities to solve problems.

Literacy is an important part of a child's development. Board games are a great way to help drill down and reinforce learning concepts such as letter recognition, language acquisition, phonics, reading comprehension and storytelling mechanics. The games that I have chosen support our schools curriculum and give students the opportunity to play while promoting their students' achievement.

To allow students the opportunity to experience board games and practice their literacy skills in the library a Donors choose project was created and fully funded by parents and community members. The project totaled was 532.84.

The following items were requested and purchased by the funds raised by the project.

Reading Comprehension Games Library Grades 1-3

- Extra Extra (An Informational Text Game)
 - Skatepark Rally (A Predicting Outcome Game)
 - Pirate Island (A Reading for Details Game)
 - Star Power Premiere (A Following Directions Game)
 - Kooky Carnival (A Context Clues Game)
 - Adventure Gamp (A Sequencing Game)
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- Race to the Finish Magnetic Maze
 - The Alphabet Zoo
 - Pirate Island Reading for Details Game
 - Capture the Flag Reading Comprehension Game
 - Figurative Language Grab and Play Game Grades 3-4
 - The Chess Teacher
 - Don't Let the Bugs Fall
 - Monkeying Around Game
 - Sight Word Bingo-Level 1

These games will be integrated into library lessons, library centers and early finisher activities in the library.

- Miss Kenya Ratliff , our K-3 Guidance Counselor graduated from Gardner-Webb University

Testing

- 3rd Grade will be taking the North Carolina End of Grade Test on May 16th & 17th.
- [Proficiency Levels](#)
- [End-of-Grade Reading Tests at Grades 3-8 North Carolina Test Specifications](#)
- The students who do not pass the reading or math portion of the test will receive remediation hours in June. The dates are June 6-8, 8:00-12:00. Students will retest on June 9th.

- The remediation hours are in line with what the state requires.
- Students will not be taking the Read to Achieve this year, instead they will retake the NC-EOG.
- 3rd grade reading is not negotiable on retest as we are not doing Read to Achieve.
- If students pass the retake, it will count for proficiency but not growth.

Data

- 3rd Grade NC Check-In Data for 2021-2022

Grade Level	Teacher	NC Check-In 1	NC Check-In 2	NC Check-In 3
3	Anderson	53%	47%	74%
	Baldwin	81%	75%	90%
	Hastings	78%	50%	91%
	Keling	82%	50%	95%
	Wells	42%	37%	76%
	Total	68%	53%	86%

- [K-3 iReady Diagnostics 2021-2022](#)
- Running Record Data is being completed and compiled for the 2021-2022 year.



4-12 Report to the Board of Directors

**Presented by
Mrs. Angela Brooks
May 15, 2022**

Curriculum and Academics:

- Registration has now been completed with students in rising 9th through 12th grades. Dr. Martin completed the registration process with students in rising 11th-12th grades and Mrs. Brooks completed the process for students in grades 9 and 10. Parent contact has been made in regards to student choices and individual meetings have occurred as needed or requested.
- During the 2022-23 school year we will be able to offer the first Rhetoric course to seniors. We are very excited about this course offering and have purchased some supplemental materials for the teacher to use to help develop this course.
- Rising seniors will be invited to attend a College Application and Essay Writing workshop June 6th-June 9th from 9:00-12:00. The first 10 Pinnacle students will be able to attend for free and then it will be 25.00 for each additional student or outside guest. Dr. David Parker will be conducting this workshop and students from previous graduating classes have said this session is invaluable to helping them prepare for their college applications and essays. Within the first 3 minutes we had 15 students that had already signed up for this workshop.
- As of May 10th, it looks as though 12 of our 30 seniors will graduate with their Associates in Arts Degree as well as their high school diploma. In addition we have three students who have completed the Pharmacy Technician Academy. The Commencement Ceremony will be on Thursday, May 13th at 6:00 at Cleveland Community College. We have several of our seniors that are going to participate in that ceremony and we look forward to celebrating with them.

Extracurricular and Events

- PEAK sponsored a Middle School dance on April 29th in the gym. This was the first big event for the Middle school this year and it was very successful and well attended. We are so grateful for the work PEAK does for PCA.
- Mr. Metcalfe is busy planning field day for the 4th and 5th grade students. This will be held on May 20th after the completion of their End of Grade Exams. Students will attend

different stations such as: Competition Centers, Skill Centers, Water Centers, and more. The theme for this year will be Summer Kickoff. Students are very excited about this day and information went home to parents about details the week of May 9th.

- The junior/senior Prom was held at Uptown Indigo on Saturday, May 7th at 7:00. The students and venue were lovely and a good time was had by all who attended. The Prom King and Queen were announced that evening and are Robert Stockham and Natalie Spencer.

Special Awards and Recognitions:

- Ms. Lydia Canipe, a junior at PCA, attended Youth Legislative Assembly from April 8th-10th in Raleigh, NC. Youth Legislative Assembly (YLA) is a mock legislative session where high school students voice their opinions and vote on issues concerning local, state and national government. The conference allows high school students an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the workings of local, state, and national government.
- Ms. Ally Hudson has been accepted into the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. We will be recognizing her and this achievement on Thursday, May 26th.

Senior Activities

- Our seniors have received over 50 merit and athletic scholarships totaling \$2,803,720 in scholarships from multiple colleges and universities. In addition, there are over 15,000 of local scholarship money that will be awarded to seniors on Senior Awards Night.
- Senior Awards Night Information - Friday, June 3rd at 7:00 in the Lyceum. Rain location at Don Gibson. Please dress in business professional attire. The Board will be seated with the graduates similarly to last year. If you could please arrive by 6:30pm. Please let me know if you plan to attend and/or have any guests that will be attending and I will leave your name(s) with one of the Junior Marshals.
- Graduation Information - Saturday, June 4th at 7:00 in the Lyceum. Rain location at Don Gibson. Please dress in business professional attire. The Board will be seated with the graduates similarly to last year. If you could please arrive by 6:30pm. I will have graduation robes pressed and ready. Ladies it looks best if you can wear a dress or skirt with dress shoes and gentlemen look best in black slacks and dress shoes with a tie. Please let me know if you plan to attend and I will leave your name(s) with one of the Junior Marshals.
- Senior Week Schedule of events - In order to send the seniors off with a bang we are doing something to celebrate seniors their final week of school. It has truly been a team effort in

planning, but I think the seniors will enjoy all the festivities. I have included a list of the various activities for your review. If you would like to attend any of these events please let me know and I will make those arrangements.

- Senior Baskets - Please remember if you would like to include anything into the senior baskets I will need those items by May 18th. We have 30 potential graduates and I will be happy to provide a list of those names upon your request.

Senior Week Activities 2022

Date	Time	Location	Description
Monday, May 23rd	12:00-12:35	Lyceum	Seniors will go to the Lyceum and have time to sign Yearbooks and have Popcorn after exams. - During Lunch
Tuesday, May 24th	12:00-12:35	Upstairs Media Center	Seniors will have a pizza lunch from Jammin J's and will have gift baskets presented from the PCA family.
Wed., May 25th	12:00-12:35	Lyceum	Sno cones at lunch
Thursday, May 26th	12:00	Lyceum	Senior Picnic Seniors will have a picnic lunch. Seniors will also receive a bag of cotton candy and candy apples from the vendor Fat and Sassy. All of this will be provided at no cost to students. If you would like additional refreshments, lemonade, funnel cakes, etc. Please bring money for that.
	1:15	Lyceum	Senior Speaker- Afterwards, Mrs. Welch will say a few words to the senior class
Friday, May 27th	8:00	Upstairs Media Center	Senior Breakfast and Volunteer Day - Senior Project Day: preparing activity bags for the Abuse Prevention Council

Classical Foundations Program (CFP) Update

May 10, 2022

1. T. K. Coleman of the Foundation for Economic Education has produced videos related to the school's ten values. A last video was shown on May 6. At the request of middle school students, the video program will be expanded from grades 8-12 to grades 6-12 next year.
2. Mr. Coleman's address to students on April 14 from 10:00-11:15 (Lyceum; rain location: gym) was cancelled because he suffered an accident.
3. Mr. Robert Luddy has agreed to be our 2022 graduation speaker on **Saturday, June 4, 2022**. His biography:

<https://www.johnlocke.org/person/robert-l-luddy/>

Robert L. Luddy is a business and educational entrepreneur. A graduate of LaSalle University and a U.S. Army veteran, Luddy purchased a sheet metal shop in 1981 and transformed it into CaptiveAire Systems, leading manufacturer of commercial kitchen ventilation systems in North America. Today, CaptiveAire employs over 1000 employees, with 90 sales offices nationwide and sales over \$300 million in 2015. However, Bob Luddy is more than just a businessman, he is a champion for children's education and a school choice advocate.

In 1998, Bob established Franklin Academy, a public charter school in Wake Forest, which now serves over 1,200 K-12 students. In 2001, Bob founded St. Thomas More Academy, a private Catholic college preparatory high school in Raleigh. In 2007, Bob opened Thales Academy, a growing chain of independent Pre-K-12 schools offering high-quality education at an affordable tuition. The Luddy Schools are quickly growing, with nearly 3,000 students enrolled throughout the Raleigh area.

4. Mr. John Hood has agreed to be our 2023 graduation speaker on **Saturday, June 3, 2023**. 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 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.

5. The advisory board of Pinnacle Classical Academy's Classical Foundations Program met on May 6. The board approved the attached minutes to the winter meeting, as well as the attached programs for the 2022-23 school year.

Minutes of January 14, 2022 meeting

The Pinnacle Classical Academy Classical Foundations Program advisory board met virtually on January 14, 2022, at 4:05 P.M. Eastern time. Matthew Morgen, Thomas Pack, Wes Westmoreland, and Jeff Ziegler were in attendance.

With the agenda and minutes of the September 17, 2021, meeting approved without objection, Mr. Ziegler announced Justin Davis's resignation from the board following his separation from FEE, and offered an update on developments at Pinnacle Classical Academy, including extracurricular activities, homecoming activities, scholarships received by seniors, and enrollment trends.

Members then received an update on the progress of the Classical Foundations Program, with Mr. Ziegler discussing talks given by Dr. Antony Davies (October 14) and Dr. David Bobb (November 8), as well the Classical Liberals in the Carolinas conference (October 14-16) and upcoming events.

Following a discussion of teacher recruitment, members unanimously consented to the proposal that future fall and spring lecturers would be suggested in a rotating manner by different members of the board. For example, the fall 2022 lecturer could be suggested by Mr. Morgen, the spring 2023 lecturer by Mr. Pack, the fall 2023 lecturer by Dr. Raney, etc.

Member also unanimously consented (without a vote for formal approval of the proposed member) for Mr. Ziegler to ask Dr. David Bobb to suggest a staff member of the Bill of Rights Institute for nomination for board membership. A vote for formal approval would take place following the nomination.

Likewise, with members' unanimous consent, Sen. Westmoreland agreed to proceed with an invitation to a representative of the Foundation for Economic Education; this member would take Justin Davis's place on the board. A vote for formal approval would take place following the nomination.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.



**Headmaster Report to the Board of Directors
Presented by Dr. Shelly Bullard**

Action Items:

- State Mandated Monthly Mask Vote - Recommendation from the administrative team to continue with our mask optional status until the end of the year.

Jayson Philbeck made a motion to continue to follow the recommendation from the Administrative Team to keep masks optional and Wes Westmoreland seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

- Annual Budget for 2022-23

Jayson Philbeck made a motion to approve the Annual Budget for 2022-23 and Dr. Pauline Cahill seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

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**

- The Deans and Headmaster are participating in professional development from Leaders Building Leaders, Dr. Tom Miller. He has offered us the opportunity to participate in his weekly "Inner Circle" professional development free of charge until the end of the year. We have experienced some great opportunities and I have heard positive feedback from the administrative team.

- **Testing**

- We are finished with AP exams. We will spend the last two weeks of school completing end of the year testing.

- **Special Student Populations**

- ACCESS testing has been completed. We are still awaiting score reports.
- We are working with parents and teachers to update all 504 plans. All 504 plans are in the process of being updated to a new computerized form. This will create a better system for managing these plans.
- We continue to work to streamline IEP goals with state standards. We are also working to streamline progress monitoring.

Finance: *

- Financial information is attached. We continue to be in a strong financial position.
- Budget proposal for 2022-2023 is attached for your review and for approval.

Human Resources:

● **Positions for 2022-2023**

- Positions for the 2022-23 school year have been posted online and we have started to recruit and interview to find the best possible candidates for our school.
 - Mrs. Brooks attended the job fair in Hillsdale, Michigan Feb. 10-11th.
 - Mr. Ziegler is attending a job fair in Alabama March 7th.
 - Mr. Ziegler attended Appalachian University on March 18th.
 - Mrs. Richardson and Ms. McGinnis attended the Gardner-Webb Job fair on April 6th.

Community Relations

- Our “Dare to Soar” tv show has aired this month featuring Mrs. Angela Brooks speaking about high school happenings. Next month will feature Mrs. Wendy Clary, Mrs. Angela Brooks, and Mrs. Kimberly Inman for an End of Year wrap up and to highlight Mrs. Inman’s award.
- Our Student Government Association as well as Honors Society continues to hold opportunities for students to give back to the community.

Legal / DPI:

● **Charter Renewal**

- Our virtual Renewal Visit will be Monday, May 23 - this is a change in date
 - We have a video of a virtual school tour
 - We have a parent group to be interviewed (30 minutes)
 - We have a staff/teacher group to be interviewed (30 minutes)
 - The Board of Directors (chair, vice-chair, treasurer as minimum) and school leadership team will be interviewed (30 minutes)

● **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.
 - This month
 - Fire/Safety Inspections
 - Insurance

Athletics:

- Report is attached

Enrollment Report

- **Enrollment at 20th day**
 - As of the 20th day of school, we had 1079 students enrolled.
- **Marketing**
 - Open House - March 10
 - Dare to Soar TV program
 - Airs first week of every month at 8:30 AM and PM, and at 1:30 PM each day for the first week of the month, or folks can watch online at C19.tv.
 - February Show - Debbie, Wes, Shelly
 - March Show - Wendy, Shelly
 - April Show - Brandon Gosey, Shelly
 - May Show - Angela Brooks
 - June Show- Recap of 2021-22 - Angela and Wendy
 - July Show - David Clary / Wes
 - August Show -
 - Talk of the Town - January
 - We have mailed out the 10 Reasons to Choose Pinnacle to local companies, churches and preschools/daycares to offer information as well as meetings with interested parents.
 - Facebook Ads / Videos (this is our #1 push)
 - events
 - student news
 - press releases
 - re-posting news articles
 - Sending Press Releases on school events
 - Communicator Billboard
 - Running December 20-26 and January 3-9 (this was at no cost)
 - Shelby Shopper
 - Information Packets to Daycares
- **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**

	Offered	Final Apps	Total #s for 22-23 with retentions	Waitlist	# of Classes	Class Ave	Goal
K	132	118	125	2	6	20.83333333	132
1	2	6	137	12	5	27.4	124
2	20	17	125	1	5	25	120
3	16	17	122	1	5	24.4	120
4	17	14	119	0	5	23.8	120
5	28	18	100	1	4	25	110
6	15	14	109	0	4	27.25	110
7	18	20	115	1	4	28.75	110
8	15	16	100	0	4	25	100
9	17	12	90	1	4	22.5	100
10	2	3	53	9	2	26.5	51
11	0	0	38	4	2	19	38
12	0	1	40	6	2	20	40
	282	256	1273	38	52		1275

PCA Athletics
Board Report
5/10/22

MS Baseball: We had a great season overall. While our conference does not offer middle school sports, we were still able to offer a competitive season for our middle school players. It is believed that offering middle school sports will build our athletic program for future seasons.

Varsity Baseball: Our varsity baseball team also had a great season. We had a wonderful season filled with numerous victories for PCA and a record number of spectators at our home games. Our baseball team made it to the first round of the WPAC conference tournament, but lost to Lake Lure Classical Academy.

Varsity Softball: Our varsity softball team also had a great season given a few hiccups earlier in the year. A special thanks to landmark Baptist Church for allowing us to use their field for game day. A special thanks to Zion Baptist Church for allowing us to use their field for practice. Our softball team made it to the first round of the WPAC conference tournament but sadly lost to Lake Lure Classical Academy. We are excited about the future of this team at PCA

MS and Varsity Golf: Our golf team also had a wonderful and fun experience this season. Due to the inexperience of those participating, we used this season to build on the basics of the sport. We were able to take our players to play at the Shelby city park and two nearby driving ranges. We look forward to expanding this team/club next school year.

Archery: Archery continues to have a fantastic season and our PCA Thunderbirds continue to compete in weekly competitions throughout the state. The state competition is coming up on May 20. Good luck to everyone competing.

The athletic department is currently preparing for fall sports. We are already in the process of designing and approving our uniforms for fall sports. We will soon be thinking about winter sports in order to provide adequate time to design, order, and receive our required athletic uniforms.

On May 14th from 10-12 PCA will host a Free Physical event in the gym at the upper campus. Overall it has been a wonderful year and we are excited about the remainder of the 2022 Archery season (which will continue throughout the summer) and the 2022-2023 school year!

With Great Respect,

Brandon Gosey

Board Updates

Miscellaneous Board Updates

New Business

Old Business

Adjournment *Wes Westmoreland made a motion to adjourn, and Jayson Philbeck seconded. The meeting was adjourned.*