



Minutes

Sept 8, 2024

Welcome –Debbie Clary, Board 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: Board Members - Debbie Clary, Wes Westmoreland, Amy Dulin, Pauline Cahill, and Christine Boor

Administration - Shelly Shope, Wendy Clary, Laura Beth Richardson, Angela Brooks, and Jeff Ziegler

One members of the public were present: David Clary

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.*

Adoption of Agenda *Motion made by Amy Dulin and 2nd by Pauline Cahill, all Approved.*

Approval of Minutes *Pauline Cahill made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2024 Meeting, Amy Dulin seconded the motion, 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.*

Administration Reports -

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

September, 2024

Action Items:

- None

Teacher Retention

- Half Day Structured Teacher Planning days have been scheduled for October 2nd and October 3rd. This is a time for teachers to review pacing guides and to discuss and develop lesson plans as well as look at data.
- There will also be a vertical planning day on October 4th for teachers. (Vertical planning is a tool used by teachers to align curriculum, standards, and goals across grade levels. It can help students transition to the next grade, promote effective teaching strategies, and build trust and communication between grades.)
- Professional development with iLeadr was given on August 14th. This was a recap of what was shared with everyone last year.
- Food was provided for the staff on August 19th, Orientation Day. Flex Time was also given to staff who worked until 7:00.
- The Caffeine Monkey was scheduled for both campuses. They were at the K-3 on August 26th and at the 4-12 on August 28th. Each staff member was given a voucher for \$5.00. This was a big hit and we have them scheduled to return on November 4th and 6th.

PEAK

- Thursday, August 29th was this year's opening parent meeting. It was very well attended! Teachers of the Year from both campuses were recognized and given \$100. Parents were given information about the upcoming events for the year.
- There was an opportunity for parents to bid on a Fast Pass for drop off and pick up. The winners were announced at the end of the meeting.
- There was a Sundae bar for everyone who attended.
- PEAK provided lunch on August 6th for the K-3 campus and for the 4-12 on August 12th. .

Community/Parent Involvement

- Parent Orientation was well attended on August 19th.
- Hope Community Church worked at the K-3 campus on Sunday, August 25th. This is their Labor of Love community mission project that they have included us in for the past several years. They helped spread mulch on the two playgrounds at the K-3 campus.
- Jetta Baynard, a Pinnacle Parent, is offering yoga sessions to our staff this year. She is a licensed instructor and these classes are at no cost.

Highlights

- Morning arrival starts at 7:15 as a service for parents who need to drop off early. This service is well-received and helps parents out.

Data/Testing

- NC BOG testing for our 3rd graders took place on Wednesday, September 4th. ● The data from this assessment will be very instrumental as teachers move forward with planning and instruction.
- iReady BOY Diagnostic will start the week of September 9th. This is an adaptive diagnostic that will use the results to assign individual students tasks to work on in the classroom/home.

Upcoming Dates:

- Sept. 9th: iready Reading Assessment for 3rd Grade
- Sept. 17th: Classical Foundations Speaker (**MANDATORY** for ALL STAFF) • Sept. 18th: Fall Pictures
- Sept. 20th: College T-shirt Day (No Jeans for Staff)
- Sept. 20th: Progress Reports

- Sept. 22nd: First Day of Autumn
- Sept. 23rd: Boy Scouts Classroom Presentations
- Sept. 24th: Boy Scouts Sign-ups on K-3 Campus
- Sept. 27th: No School- Parent Teacher Conferences

4-8 Report to the Board of Directors

Presented by

Mrs. Laura Beth Richardson

September 2024

Curriculum/Academics/Data

- iReady Beginning of Year Diagnostic
 - Each year our 4th-8th grade students complete a beginning of year diagnostic in iReady. The diagnostic is intuitive, meaning it will provide questions based on student performance. The data we will gain will show the approximate percentage of students who would place in each state test level if they had taken the state assessment at the same time as the beginning of year diagnostic. The results also set the learning pathway for students until they take their second diagnostic. The lessons in their pathway are assigned to fill any learning gaps based on state standards. Diagnostic testing dates are below. Results from the diagnostic will be shared at our next board meeting.
 - Sept 10th-11th: iReady BOY Diagnostic- Reading - 6th-8th Grade
 - Sept 11th: iReady BOY Diagnostic- Reading- 4th-5th Grade
 - Sept 12th-13th: iReady BOY Diagnostic- Math- 6th-8th Grade
 - Sept 13th: iReady BOY Diagnostic- Math- 4th-5th Grade

Professional Development:

- KIDaccount:
 - Our teachers, office staff, and administrative team have been learning how to successfully utilize our KIDaccount Program through a series of virtual training sessions on the topics below.
 - Dismissal
 - Teachers on duty can quickly scan barcodes from parents in the dismissal line.
 - Students will exit the building from their homeroom class.
 - After school clubs, sports, and daycare programs are included
 - Administrators are alerted immediately if an unauthorized individual is attempting to pick up a student.
 - Digital Hall Passes
 - Students sign in and out of the classroom digitally using a chromebook as a kiosk.
 - Time is logged and is printable
 - Admin as well as teachers can create and manage hall passes, prevent meet-ups, locate students immediately, and download reports.
 - Hall passes can include but are not limited to designated bathrooms, the office, the nurse, the library, the student center, etc.
 - Visitor Management
 - Allows visitors, CCC instructors, etc. to scan their ID prior to entering the building.
 - Office to Classroom Communication
 - Any changes in how a student is getting home can be changed

immediately by front office staff. Teachers are notified in real time of any changes prior to dismissal.

■ **Emergency Drills and Reunification**

- Assists with emergency plans already in place such as fire drills, tornado drills, and code red by providing drill reports, fast roll call, etc.

- **iReady:** Our new hires have been trained on how to successfully utilize iReady in the classroom. This includes assigning diagnostics, retrieving student data, assigning lessons, and utilizing leveled activities within the classroom. A special thank you to Mrs. Jackson for providing this training to our new hires!

- **PLCs:** Professional Learning Communities are meeting regularly for grades 4-8. The organization of meeting times and information shared have changed from last year. ○

Intermediate PLC Meetings: 3:30pm-4:00pm

■ **2nd Tuesday of every month- all 4-8 teachers**

- Harry Wong book study- The First Days of School

■ **3rd Tuesday of every month- MS English Teachers**

- curriculum/standards/resources/student focus

■ **4th Tuesday of every month- MS Math and 8th Science Teachers**

- curriculum/standards/resources/student focus

- **Biweekly Email Edition:** Here is where intermediate staff will receive updates and reminders about upcoming deadlines and events.
- A special thank you to Mrs. Barnes for continuing to be 4th and 5th grade's 'go-to' person for PLC meeting items!
- A weekly bulletin is also printed and provided to all staff as an additional way to remain updated with important information.

Beginning Teachers and Mentors

- Beginning teachers will begin attending their monthly professional development session hosted by myself and Ms. McGinnis.
 - The first meeting will be held on September 19th, focusing on procedures and expectations for parent-teacher conferences (Sept 27).

9-12 Report to the Board of Directors

Presented by

Mrs. Angela Brooks

Sept. 8, 2024

Curriculum and Academics:

College Admissions/Application Process

- A continued focus for the 2024-25 school year is to help our students be accepted, attend, and earn potential scholarships from various universities and programs. Mr. Ziegler, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Welch and I have met multiple times and have asked several universities to present to our students and to meet with us to go over information to best help prepare prospective students. We have already had a few of these meetings and many more are scheduled. These sessions with admissions representatives have been very helpful and informative to us and our students.
 - September 3rd, UNC Greensboro
 - September 11th, Boston University, virtual
 - October 7th, Biola University
 - October 8th, Gardner-Webb University
 - October 14th, Messiah University

- October 17th, Washington and Lee University
- October 18th, Anderson University
- October 24th, Belmont Abbey College
- October 25th, UNC Wilmington
- October 31st, Bucknell University
- November 12th, North Greenville University

Business Partnerships/Internships

- For the Fall 2024 class, it appears that we have six students placed in various businesses and learning environments.
 - Hoke Enterprises - 1 placement in Construction, Estimation, Project Management
 - Shelby Dental Care - 1 placement in Dental Hygiene
 - OrthoCarolina - 2 placements with a Physician's Assistant in the orthopedic field
 - Rooted Occupational Therapy - 1 placement that will travel between PCA and TJCA
 - Broad River Properties - 1 placement in real estate and property management
 - Other business partners Shelby Spice and the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association
- We are still establishing and seeking other professional opportunities for our students and are excited about the opportunities this is bringing our students.

Cleveland Community College's College Experience Day

- Wednesday, September 25th our juniors and seniors have been invited to participate in CCC's College Experience Day. Dr. Martin will attend this event with our students and it will consist of a college fair as well as information given on various trade options that Cleveland Community College offers. This is a great opportunity for our students and we are happy to be invited again.

Professional Development:

- Mr. Ziegler has started our professional development in the classics. Teachers began during the work days prior to school beginning and have continued. There will be continued professional development each month for teachers to complete on classical education.
- This year the high school team will be completing a book study on Harry and Rosemary Wong's, *The First Days of School*. The goal of this book study is to aid teachers in learning and implementing good classroom management skills and to have a consistent environment throughout the high school for students. We have had our first two meetings and it is going over extremely well and there is a noticeable difference in the hallways and classrooms.

Extracurricular Activities:

- Class Ring orders as well as senior cap and gown orders will be taken on Thursday, September 12th. Information for both events have been going out through social media, the school's website, email, and weekly updates. Once orders have been placed and rings received we will begin planning the Ring ceremony for students.
 - Extracurricular activities have started. We are in the process of beginning several new clubs and continuing with many we have had for several years. Clubs and other student led organizations will make the students feel connected to Pinnacle. This is also a great opportunity for students to develop leadership, communication, and organizational skills.
 - High School Robotics team 8300 Pi Rho Eagles FTC (First Tech Challenge) sponsored by Mrs. Austin
 - Chess Club sponsored by Mrs. Falls
 - Spiritual Soaring Ministries (FCA) sponsored by Mr. Gosey and Mr. Beam
 - Student Government Association sponsored by Mr. Ledbetter
 - Band sponsored by Ms. Owens
 - Chorus sponsored by Ms. Owens
 - High School and Middle School Art Club sponsored by Ms. Jaynes

- International Club sponsored by Ms. Hassani
- Fall pictures will be taken September 18th at the 4-12 campus. Carolina Photography will be taking these pictures and they will be used in the yearbook. If any board members would like an updated photo for the yearbook or website, please drop by the morning of September 18th.

Special Awards and Recognitions:

- Hannah Clontz, a senior, was recognized by High Point University in their Junior Scholars program. We are very proud of Hannah and are happy to celebrate this accomplishment with her.

Senior Activities:

- We have put together the tentative schedule for senior events this year and have included that below for your review. Please let us know if you have any questions or if you would like to participate in any of these events.

Senior Events for 2024-25

Month	Event
August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wednesday, 8/21 Sunrise Breakfast: 7:00 - 7:45 am PCA to provide (Chick-fil-a chicken minis, donuts, fruit tray, orange juice and tea)
September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior Cap and Gown Orders 9/12 ● Class Ring Presentation 9/12 ● Tuesday, 9/17, senior lunch with fall CFP speaker
October 2024 November 2024 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TBD Reminders during Rhetoric: Prep for College Week (Dr. Martin) ● 10/21-10/25 - CFNC College Application Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wed., 10/16: College Application Day (PCA provides breakfast & lunch) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – including interview and soft skills – Breakfast Donuts and coffee/Tea Lunch Taco Bar ● Wed., 11/20: Senior lunch Subway ● 11/25-11/26: junior/senior overnight trip ● senior motto ● Fri., 12/6 parade ● Fri., 12/13 homecoming game, court ● Sat., 12/14 homecoming dance ● Wed., Dec. 11: senior lunch, Chick-fil-A

January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● College Acceptances - sweatshirts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wed., 1/17 senior scholarship half-day, lunch – interview/soft skills review component
February 2025 Spring lunch with CFP speaker (date TBD, Toscanos) will replace that month’s lunch if it falls in Feb., March, or April.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● finalize senior project ● TBD Scholarship Interview ● Wed., 2/19: Senior lunch, Subway
March 2025	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TBD Cap and Gown Pictures ● March 13-14 senior signs ● Wed., 3/19: Senior lunch, Chick-Fil-A
April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TBD Scholarship Interview ● Seniors elect Senior Speaker ● 4/4: prom ● 4/12-4/20: junior/senior Europe trip ● Wed., 4/23: senior lunch, Subway
May 2025	senior week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday: 5/19 Seniors will have a pizza lunch from Pizza Hut and will have gift baskets presented to you from the PCA family. ● Tues. 5/20 Seniors will go to the Lyceum and have time to sign Yearbooks and have Popcorn after exams. ● Wednesday: 5/21 Senior Project Day (afternoon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ schedule TBD ● Thurs. 5/22 Awards Day 1:00 (grade 9-12); ● Thurs., 5/22 2:00ish Fat and Sassy - Seniors will receive a bag of cotton candy and candy apple from the vendor Fat and Sassy. All of this will be provided at no cost from the school. If you would like additional refreshments, lemonade, funnel cakes, etc. Please bring money for that. ● Thursday, 5/23 6:00 PM Sunset dinner with senior speaker

end of year May-June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 5/30 9:45 AM graduation practice • Friday 5/30 Scholarship night 7:00 • Sat. 5/31 graduation 7:00 - Hadley Heath Manning graduation speaker
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Important Dates for the 2024-25 School year:

- Friday, December 6th - Homecoming Parade
- Friday, December 13th - Homecoming Game and Court in the Gym
- Saturday, December 14th - Homecoming Dance at the Earl Scruggs Center
- Friday, April 4th - Prom at Turkey Ridge Venue
- Thursday, May 22nd - High School Awards
- Friday, May 30th - Senior Scholarship Night at the Lyceum
- Saturday, May 31st - Graduation at the Lyceum

School Testing Data
 A Report to the Board of Directors of Pinnacle Classical Academy
 September 3, 2024

The Department of Public Instruction is scheduled to release the 2023-24 data on September 6.

Combined State Testing Results (EOC, EOG)
Percent of Students Who Demonstrated Grade-Level Proficiency
All Students

Year	Pinnacle Classical Academy	Cleveland County Schools	State of North Carolina
2022-23	72.1%	52.5%	53.6%
2021-22	72.3%	53.6%	51.4%
2020-21	70.6%	48.4%	45.4%
2019-20	NA	NA	NA
2018-19	77.8%	60.9%	58.8%
2017-18	66.8%	59.6%	58.8%
2016-17	71.7%	58.2%	59.2%

2015-16	73.5%	58.1%	58.3%
2014-15	69.9%	57.4%	56.6%

Combined State Testing Results (EOC, EOG)
Percent of Students Who Demonstrated Grade-Level Proficiency
Economically Disadvantaged Students

Year	Pinnacle Classical Academy	Cleveland County Schools	State of North Carolina
2022-23	62.5%	44.6%	39.7%
2021-22	61.8%	42.7%	35.1%
2020-21	58.3%	37.6%	28.8%
2019-20	NA	NA	NA
2018-19	68.2%	50.8%	44.6%

2017-18 53.6% 49.6% 43.6% 2016-17 59.5% 47.8% 44.2% 2015-16 NA 48.5% 43.7%
2014-15 66.1% 47.4% 41.6%

Combined State Testing Results (EOC, EOG)
Percent of Students Who Demonstrated Grade-Level Proficiency
Black Students

Year	Pinnacle Classical Academy	Cleveland County Schools	State of North Carolina
2022-23	57.4%	36.2%	36.1%
2021-22	65.4%	37.3%	33.4%
2020-21	53.8%	31.0%	26.3%
2019-20	NA	NA	NA

2018-19	68.4%	44.2%	40.9%
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2017-18 52.8% 43.5% 40.4% 2016-17 59.1% 41.1% 40.3% 2015-16 57.6% 41.3% 39.5%
 2014-15 40.4% 39.6% 37.3%

Combined State Testing Results (EOC, EOG)
 Percent of Students Who Demonstrated Grade-Level Proficiency
 Hispanic Students

Year	Pinnacle Classical Academy	Cleveland County Schools	State of North Carolina
2022-23	66.7%	51.1%	42.3%
2021-22	65.5%	53.1%	40.4%
2020-21	74.6%	47.7%	33.9%
2019-20	NA	NA	NA
2018-19	80.3%	58.4%	48.8%

2017-18 50.0% 57.4% 48.1% 2016-17 56.7% 54.5% 48.4% 2015-16 65.9% 54.4% 47.6%
 2014-15 76.7% 51.1% 45.2%

Classical Foundations Program (CFP) Update
 September 2024

1. The Foundation for Economic Education is arranging our fall and spring CFP lecturers for 2024-25. The fall lecturer will be Dan Sanchez, Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Foundation for Economic Education, who will speak on the American founding, on September 17 (Constitution Day).

- 9:30 AM speaker arrives
- 10:00-11:00 lecture to grade 12 and a grade 10 class (intermediate music room) ● 11:15-11:45 lunch with grade 12 (student center)
- 12:00-1:00 lecture to grade 11 and a grade 10 class (intermediate music room) ● 1:00: campus tour
- 2:00: interview at CCC for *Dare to Soar*
- 3:30-4:15 presentation to faculty (intermediate music room)

- 6:00 PM dinner with group of board members and faculty (Bistro 214)

2. Students in middle school and high school watch a brief presentation each month by T.K. Coleman; each presentation is devoted to one of the school's ten values. September's theme is integrity.
3. Hadley Heath Manning, a Shelby native, has agreed to be our commencement speaker on Saturday, May 31, 2025 (the Saturday after Memorial Day). Her biography:

Hadley Heath Manning was, until recently, vice president for policy at Independent Women's Forum.

Hadley has testified before Congress and state legislatures on various policy issues. She also appears frequently in radio and TV outlets across the country and is a regular guest on the Fox Business Network. Her work has been featured in publications such as the Wall Street Journal, Forbes, POLITICO, and many others.

In 2016, Hadley was named to Forbes' 30 Under 30 list in Law and Policy.

Hadley graduated with distinction from the University of North Carolina as a Morehead-Cain Scholar with a double major in economics and journalism. She now lives in Denver, Colorado, with her husband and children.

<https://www.iwf.org/people/hadley-heath-manning/>

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

September 2024

Action Items:

- Requesting approval to cease the waiting list for the 2023-2024 school year as of September 30, 2024.
- Requesting approval of budget adjustment.

Curriculum and Academics:

● Goals for the year

- Increase Student Growth and Proficiency - 88% Proficiency
- Professionalism
- Communicating Classical Identity

● Testing

- We have given the BOG to our 3rd graders.
- All of our students are working on their iReady diagnostics.

● Special Populations

- The EC department is working hard to determine appropriate placements for new students.
We are still gathering paperwork from some transfer students.
- We are in the process of completing ELL screening (WIDA) for kindergarteners. ○ The LIEP has been submitted for this school year.

Finance:

- Financial information is attached. We continue to be in a strong financial position.

Legal / DPI:

- **SRO Grant**
 - Written and submitted
- **Title I Grant**
 - Written and submitted
 - Budget planned and completed
- **Title II Grant**
 - Written and submitted
 - Budget planned and completed
- **Title IV Grant**
 - Written and submitted
 - Budget planned and completed
- **EpiCenter**
 - We are up to date with all submissions.
 - School Calendar / school hours

Community Relations

- Monthly newsletter for parents is continuing.
- Weekly Events Update is posted on Facebook each Friday to highlight events and important dates for the next week.
- Weekly Newsletter / Updates send to all faculty.
- Our “Dare to Soar” tv show

Athletics

- Report is attached

Enrollment Report

- **Enrollment**
 - We are 9 students under our projection but have continued to enroll students up until last week.

	23-24	24-25	Waitlist		# of Classes	Class Ave
K	110	109	0		5	21.8
1	103	102	0		5	20.4
2	104	96	0		4	24
3	97	102	13		4	25.5

4	103	96	0		4	24
5	100	102	0		5	20.4
6	99	104	0		4	26
7	102	91	0		4	22.75
8	108	105	0		4	26.25
9	94	95	0		4	23.75
10	65	83	7		4	20.75
11	46	65	8		3	21.6

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Prepared by: Department of Athletics

Mr. Brandon Gosey

- **2024-2025 PCA Athletics Business Sponsors:** The Athletic Department is pleased to partner with the following businesses this school year. Collectively their sponsorships have raised over **\$12,000** for PCA Athletics. We continue to partner with additional businesses and hope to bring you an updated list next month with additional names.

Arthur Services Incorporated

Shelby Dental Care Center

Caldwell Appraisals

Clary Construction Concepts

Steven Ray (FBI)

Christy Ray Fitness

Rejuvatour Primary Care

Westmoreland Printers

ABT Tax Services

Norris Merchandise

Shelby Alarm Co.

● **Fall Sports:** A quick recap of what the Athletic Department is offering the fall!

- MS Men's Soccer
- MS Women's Volleyball
- MS Men's Cross Country
- MS Women's Cross Country
- JV Women's Volleyball
- Varsity Men's Soccer
- Varsity Women's Volleyball
- Varsity Women's Cross Country
- Varsity Men's Cross Country

● **Facility Adjustments:** Due to ongoing construction, the Athletic Department continues to partner with the following facilities for use/rental of athletic facilities.

- Dover YMCA
- Boys and Girls Club
- Landmark Baptist Church
- Zion Baptist Church

- Shelby Elite Cheer
- Idol Athletics

Upcoming Dates:

- 10/17/24 (PCA Spirit Night @ Jammin J's Pizza)

Stay Connected: PCA Eagles Athletics Weekly Newsletter

- [The Talon Times](#)

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Brandon E. Gosey

Action Items:

1. *Motion was made by Pauline Cahill to cease the waitlist for the 2023-24 school year at the end of the 45th day. Amy Dulin seconded the motion. Approved by all.*
2. *Motion was made to approve the budget adjustment as presented by Dr. Shope. Motion was made by Wes Westmoreland, seconded by Chrisine Boor, all approved.*

Committee Updates:

1. *Facilities: An update was given about construction progress by David Clary. It was recommended that we begin looking into purchasing plastic mulch for the K-3 playground.*
2. *Finance: An update was given by Debbie Clary on the finance of the school*
3. *Enrollment Committee: Debbie challenged the enrollment committee to meet and think of new ways to retain more Kindergarten students from the Lottery.*

Adjournment *Christine Boor made a motion to adjourn and Amy Dulin seconded. Meeting was adjourned.*