



Minutes

September 10, 2023

Welcome –Wes Westmoreland, Vice 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 - Bobby Horton, Wes Westmoreland, Amy Dulin, Pauline Cahill, Ken Mooney; Administration - Wendy Clary, Angela Brooks, Laura Beth Richardson

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 with one change with the addition of the safety committee report: *Motion made by Pauline Cahill and 2nd by Ken Mooney, all Approved.*

Approval of Minutes *Bobby Horton made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2023 Meeting, Pauline Cahill 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. **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**

Action Items:

- None

Teacher Retention

- Half Day Structured Teacher Planning days have been scheduled for this month. This is a time for teachers to review pacing guides and to discuss and develop lesson plans as well as look at data.
- There is a September iLead professional development follow up for teachers. This is an extension of the previous training that teacher have received.

- K-2-Phonemic Awareness
- 3rd-Unpacking and CFAs (Common Formative Assessments)
- 3rd grade teachers and EC teachers will receive Inclusion Training on September 14th. This is the approach that we are using in 3rd grade with our students in the EC program. We are training everyone in this approach to ensure student and teacher success.

PEAK

- Thursday, August 31st 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 were 2 for each campus.

Community/Parent Involvement

- Hope Community Church worked at the K-3 campus on Sunday, September 3rd. This is their Labor of Love community mission project. They helped do prep work for a school-wide art/guidance project.

Highlights

- Morning arrival now starts at 7:15 instead of 7:30. We will gain approximately 30 hours of instructional time back for this year by doing this.
- We have gotten a lot of positive feedback from parents by doing this.
- Book Blast 2023-24 kicked off on Wednesday, September 7th!

Data

- 3rd Grade was invited to participate in a data meeting at the 4-12 campus.
- Beginning of the Year iReady Diagnostic Data was the focus.
 - The importance of data was discussed.
 - They dove into what to look for as they reviewed your student data spreadsheets
 - A plan was made for next steps in the classroom based on data findings.
- There will be ongoing data meetings throughout the school year to monitor the data and develop next steps in planning/teaching.

Upcoming Dates:

- Sept. 6th: Book Blast Launch
- Sept. 7th: iLeadr Professional Development
- Sept. 12th: 2nd and 3rd Grade Half Day Planning
- Sept. 12th: 3rd Grade Curriculum Night
- Sept. 13th: Kindergarten and 1st Grade Half Day Planning
- Sept. 14th: Grades due for Progress Reports by 8:00am
- Sept. 15th: College T-Shirt Day
- Sept. 15th: Foster Care Training Due
- Sept. 15th: Progress Reports
- Sept. 20th: Boy Scouts of America visits classrooms 9:15-10:15 am
- Sept. 21st: Fire Drill

- Sept. 26th: Fall Picture Day
- Sept. 28th: PEAK Meeting K-3 Campus Gym at 6:00 pm
- Sept. 29th: Parent- Teacher Conferences

4-8 Report to the Board of Directors
Presented by
Mrs. Laura Beth Richardson
September 2023

Curriculum/Academics/Data

- **2023-24 iReady Results, Projected Proficiency View**

- This data shows 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.

Reading Overall

	22-23 EOG Proficiency	1st Diagnostic Proficiency	2nd Diagnostic Proficiency		3rd Diagnostic Proficiency		23-24 EOG Proficiency
4th	50%	42%					
5th	82%	47%					
6th	52%	50%					
7th	79%	65%					
8th	84%	67%					

Reading Achievement Level by Grade

Diagnostic 1	Level 5	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2-1
4th	7%	28%	8%	58%
5th	7%	17%	22%	53%
6th	1%	25%	24%	50%
7th	8%	27%	29%	35%
8th	2%	31%	35%	33%

Math Overall

	22-23 EOG Proficiency	1st Diagnostic Proficiency	2nd Diagnostic Proficiency		3rd Diagnostic Proficiency		23-24 EOG Proficiency
4th	71%	31%					
5th	70%	55%					
6th	52%	60%					
7th	78%	61%					
8th	70%	41%					

Math Achievement Level by Grade

Diagnostic 1	Level 5	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2-1
4th	4	41	28	27
5th	6	56	19	18
6th	1	48	29	22
7th	2	47	27	24
8th	9	27	16	48

Professional Development:

- Data Meetings
 - [Scheduled data meetings for the 2023-24 school year](#)
 - On Thursday, August 31st, Ms. McGinnis and I met with 3rd-8th grade teachers about their beginning of year i-Ready data results
 - During this meeting, we discussed the importance of reviewing data with students, and making data-informed decisions in the classroom when it comes to lesson planning, instruction, and teacher-made assessments
 - Teachers came with data entered into their data spreadsheets and were eager to use resources that were shared.
- iLEADR
 - 4th and 5th grade teams are scheduled to meet with i-LEADR to discuss curriculum maps and the [standards unpacking template](#) they will be focusing on this school year
- Mrs. Hicks attended an Item Writing Workshop for Reading on July 26 for Grades 3-8 and English II. While she was there, she was introduced to an extremely useful vocabulary word resource, Children's Writers Word Book, 2nd Edition. It was noted that this is where the vocabulary words are pulled from for reading EOGs for grades 3-6.
 - The book includes lists for Grades K-6. We ordered copies for K-6 teachers. They are eager to implement this in their instruction.
- Professional Learning Communities are meeting regularly for grades 4-12. We are currently using this time to relay important information about school opening, expectations, lesson planning, etc. We have also started looking at school, grade level, and individual data. Mrs. Brooks and I are leading the Middle and High school PLCs and Mrs. Barnes is leading the 4th and 5th grade PLCs. Mrs. Barnes is doing a fantastic job of continuing to build relationships with our 4th and 5th grade teams since she first began leading their PLCs during the 2022-23 school year.
 - One MS/HS PLC a month is held during the day during each planning period. This is a combination of MS and HS teachers.
 - The other MS/HS PLC of the month is held after school with Mrs. Brooks only seeing high school teachers and myself seeing only the middle school teachers.

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 21st at 3:45, focusing on procedures and expectations for parent-teacher conferences (Sept 29).
- Dates for the remainder of the school year are: October 19th, November 16th, January 25th, February 15th, March 28th, May 2nd

9-12 Report to the Board of Directors

Presented by

Mrs. Angela Brooks

September 10, 2023

Curriculum and Academics:

- A major focus for the 2023-24 school year is to help our students be accepted, attend, and earn potential scholarships from various universities and programs. Mr. Ziegler, Dr. Martin 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.
 - August 15th, Bob Jones University - students were not in school yet, meeting with Mr. Ziegler and myself
 - August 28th, East Carolina University
 - August 31st, Thales College
 - September 6th, Wofford College
 - September 7th, Belmont Abbey College
 - September 8th, Gardner-Webb University
 - September 11th, UNC Asheville - meeting with Dr. Martin and myself
 - September 14th, Catawba College
 - September 15th, Anderson University
 - September 26th, USC Upstate
- The junior and senior classes will have the opportunity to attend an overnight field trip in November to Atlanta, GA. This trip is scheduled to take place from November 20th to November 21st. Dr. Martin is arranging college visits to both Georgia Tech and a college in the Greenville, SC area. In addition the students will also be able to tour the Georgia Aquarium. We are excited about this opportunity for our students and are confident it will be an enjoyable and educational experience.

Professional Development:

- Dr. Martin and I will be attending a conference put on by CACRAO (Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers) on September 11th at UNC Asheville. Our goal will be to begin and develop relationships with various universities and admissions officers in the Carolinas. After the conference has concluded we have a meeting with the UNC-Asheville's admissions office.

Extracurricular Activities:

- Class Ring orders as well as senior cap and gown orders will be taken on Monday, September 18th. Information for both events have been going out through Facebook, 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 Mrs. Brooks
 - Band sponsored by Ms. Owens
 - Chorus sponsored by Ms. Owens
 - High School and Middle School Art Club sponsored by Ms. Jaynes
- Fall pictures will be taken October 3rd and 4th at the 4-12 campus. Mr. Grose will be taking these pictures and they will be used in the yearbook.

Special Awards and Recognitions:

- Pinnacle Classical Academy ranked 49th in the US News and World Report is on the list of the TOP 50 Public High Schools in NC! This is a very high honor and we are very proud of our team for this remarkable achievement! Feel free to read more at the following link: [Best NC Public High Schools](https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/north-carolina/rankings) (<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/north-carolina/rankings>)

Senior Activities

- As of September 5th, the class of 2024 has had 10 college applications sent. The Class of 2024 is well on their way this year and I am excited to see their success.
- Mr. Ziegler and I met to outline the tentative schedule of senior events for the 2023-24 school year. We have outlined the tentative plan below. We love the tradition of senior privileges and this is very much appreciated by each of our graduating classes.

Senior Events for 2023-24

Month	Event
August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wednesday, 8/16 Sunrise Breakfast: 6:30 - PCA to provide
September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9/18 Senior Cap and Gown Orders 9:45 am - 10:20 Band Room Class Ring Presentation to Sophomores 10:30-11:15 Band Room (Class Rings as well for grades presentation for 9-10, 11 and 12th if they have a deposit 9/22 Senior Lunch
October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10/13 CtC Reminders during Rhetoric: Prep for College Week (Dr. Martin) ● 10/16-10/20 - College Week ● Thurs., 10/19: College Application Day (PCA provides breakfast & lunch) – including interview and soft skills – Breakfast Donuts and coffee/Tea Lunch Taco Bar

November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • senior motto • Fri., 12/1 parade and homecoming game and Sat., 12/2: homecoming dance Twin Lakes • 12/8 senior lunch (homerooms): PCA provides lunch
January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Acceptances - sweatshirts • Wed., 1/17 senior scholarship half-day, lunch – possible interview/soft skills review component
February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalize senior project
March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 14-15 senior signs • Send out information about senior baskets
April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors elect Senior Speaker • Prom - 4/20 at Cleveland Country Club
May 2024	<p>senior week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday: 5/20 Seniors will have a pizza lunch from Pizza Hut and will have gift baskets presented to you from the PCA family. • Tues. 5/21 Seniors will go to the Lyceum and have time to sign Yearbooks and have Popcorn after exams. • Wednesday: 5/22 Senior Project Day (afternoon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ schedule TBD • Thurs. 5/23 <i>Awards Day 1:00 (grade 9-11)</i> 2:00ish Fat and Sassy - Seniors will receive a bag of cotton candy and candy apples 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 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 5/31 9:45 AM graduation practice • Friday 5/31 Scholarship night 7:00 • Sat. 6/1 graduation 7:00 - TBD graduation speaker

Important Dates for the 2022-23 School year:

Friday, December 1st - Homecoming Parade and Game
Saturday, December 2nd - Homecoming Dance at Twin Lakes
Saturday, April 20th - Prom at the Cleveland Country Club
Friday, May 31st - Senior Scholarship Night at the Lyceum
Saturday, June 1st - Graduation at the Lyceum

Classical Foundations Program (CFP) Update
September 1, 2023

1. The Classical Foundations Program’s plans for 2023-24 are attached.
2. 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 is vice president for policy at Independent Women’s Forum and Independent Women’s Voice and a Senior Blankley Fellow at the Steamboat Institute.

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/>

Classical Foundations Program
2023-24 Plans

daily	Pledge of Allegiance, School Pledge ¹	no cost
monthly	T.K. Coleman, Foundation for Economic Education, video character lesson presentation based on the PCA Values	no cost
August	professional development based on the school’s charter, with focus on “The Lost Tools of Learning” (Dorothy Sayers) and <i>Teaching Johnny to Think</i> (Leonard Peikoff)	no cost

¹ School Pledge: “I dare to soar, to give my best effort in everything I do; I dare to live honestly and with integrity to myself and my fellow man; I dare to pursue judgment based in reality through reason and independent thought; I dare to earn success through productivity, teamwork and justice; I dare to instill these values that I may live a life of self-esteem and pride. I Dare to Soar in everything I do today and tomorrow!”

September 15 (September 17 falls on Sunday)	Constitution Day (classroom-based program); pocket Constitution distributed to all students in grades 5, 8, and 12	no cost
fall	Fall Classical Foundations Program lecture	TBD (estimate: \$500)
November 21	North Carolina Statehood Day (classroom-based program)	no cost
spring	spring Classical Foundations Lecture	TBD (estimate: \$500)
TBD (February)	Ring Ceremony	no cost
Grade 7-8 essay contests	Stossel in the Classroom; Ayn Rand Institute	up to \$500 (up to two \$250 awards, payable upon graduation from PCA)
Grade 9-10 essay contests	Stossel in the Classroom	up to \$1,000 (up to two \$500 awards, payable upon graduation from PCA)
Grade 11-12 essay contests	Ayn Rand Institute	up to \$1,000 (up to two \$500 awards, payable upon graduation from PCA)
Saturday, June 1	Graduation speaker: TBD	no cost (PCA/PCAIEF assume any costs)

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

September 2023

Action Items:

- Asking for approval to cease waiting list for the 2023-2024 school year as of September 30, 2023.
- Asking for approval of the Title I and Title II Grants as written.

- *A motion was made for the approval of both items by Pauline Cahill and Ken Mooney seconded the motion. All approved.*

Curriculum and Academics:

- **Goals for the year**

- Increase Student Growth and Proficiency - 88% Proficiency
- Strengthen our Classical Curriculum
 - Reading the classics (what)
 - Logic and problem solving (how)
- Build Relationships
 - Parents
 - Students
 - Faculty

- **Testing**

- We have given the BOG to our 3rd graders.
- All of our students are working on their iReady diagnostics.
- The CLT10 and the CLT will be given to sophomores and juniors this month.

- **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. Ms. Ramsey will begin serving students at the end of the month.
- 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:

- **EpiCenter**
 - We are up to date with all submissions.

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 will film September

Athletics

- Report is attached

Enrollment Report

- **Enrollment and Budget**
 - We will be able to solidify our budget on the 20th day of school (September 14th).
 - We are under our projection, but have continued to enroll students up until last week.

SEPTEMBER 2023			
	22-23	Total #s for 23-24	Waitlist
K	109	110	0
1	118	103	0
2	104	104	0
3	109	97	0
4	110	103	0
5	92	100	8
6	98	99	0
7	104	102	0
8	93	108	0
9	79	94	0
10	51	65	8
11	32	46	5
12	40	27	3
	1139	1165	24

Pinnacle Classical Academy

Athletics

Report to the Board

Board Report

9/5/2023

Important Date

- 8/31/23 - Athletic Welcome (PEAK MEETING)
- 9/9/23 - Fall Athletic Photos (Date has been canceled)
- 9/26/23 - Senior Night: Volleyball

- 9/28/23 - Archery Recognition Night (PEAK MEETING)

Business Sponsorship Update

- Hoke Enterprises
- Richie's Body Shop
- Sewell Contractors
- Shelby Dental Care Center
- Westmoreland Printers
- Clary Construction Concepts
- Champion Investments
- Bandit's Riverfront Retreat

Fall Sports Update

- **MS Men's Soccer:** Our Middle School soccer team continues to have a great season. They are currently 4-1. This season they have defeated 2 schools that are current members of the NCHSAA (East Rutherford Middle School and Thomas Jefferson)
- **Varsity Men Soccer:** They are improving daily. They conquered their first win on the road last Friday against Temple Baptist.
- **MS/JV/Var Women's Volleyball:** All three teams have had great success this season. The Athletic Department is confident that our JV/Varsity team will once again be strong contenders for a WPAC Championship title.
- **Cross Country:** Our Cross Country team will have their first race of the 2023 season on 9/9/23 at Myers Park High School in Charlotte North Carolina. Last year, PCA's very own, Eli Stroud took home a first place finish.

Winter Sports Update:

The Athletic Department is in the process of checking eligibility for and naming the following athletic teams for the upcoming winter season:

- Varsity Men's Basketball
- JV Men's Basketball
- Varsity Women's Basketball
- JV Women's Basketball
- Middle School Co-Ed Swim
- Varsity Co-Ed Swim

The following Winter Athletic teams have already been named:

- Women's JV Cheer
- Women's Varsity Cheer

PCA Athletics has also been working hard to prepare for our upcoming audit. The Athletic Department works diligently to keep appropriate and accurate records for requested review by the auditing firm.

We look forward to sharing their findings with you in the near future. In speaking with them briefly upon their arrival, they asked if we were using DragonFlyMax, which I informed them we made the transition at the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

The auditors seemed impressed with our department's direction to use the web based program even though we are not current members of the NCHSAA. In closing, this transition will assist the athletic department in ensuring that our records are up to date and complete.

SeptemAs always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Brandon Gosey

Approval of Action Items -

A motion was made for the waiting list to cease as of September 31, 2023 by Pauline Cahill and Ken Mooney seconded the motion. All approved.

A motion was made for the approval of the Title I and Title II plan as presented by Pauline Cahill and Ken Mooney seconded the motion. All approved.

Board Updates

Safety Committee provided a report,

PCA Safety Committee

Team/Members:

Dr. Shoppe: PCA Head Master

Wes Westmoreland: PCA Board and facility

Brad Faser: Shelby PD Chief

Cassy Hopper: PCA 4/12 Campus SRO

Andy Montgomery: PCA K/3 Campus SRO

Bobby Horton: PCA Board/ County EM

The Committee meet on Friday 08/25/2023 and toured both School Campus.

No Action items.

4-12 Campus

outside Lights and Cameras are needed in the lyceum courtyard in the corners of building

David will add above items in with the new side construction.

Add signage at building and larger numbers at exit doors.

Add some type of fencing along property line.

K-3 Campus

Add Cameras for back parking lot (parent pick up line) and side playground area.

Add some type of fencing along property line. Starting with back right.

Add a speed bump to turn water at student drop off area.

Sun trap

Bathroom at playground.

The team will meet again in the spring.

Wes Westmoreland directed the admin team to look at the suggestions and budget and provide a list of recommendations and potential costs for the next meeting.

Miscellaneous Board Updates from various members

New / Old Business

Adjournment *Pauline Cahill made a motion to adjourn and Ken Mooney seconded. Meeting was adjourned.*