

Dare to Soar



# PINNACLE

---

## CLASSICAL ACADEMY

### Board Meeting Minutes

February 8 2015

*Attendees: Wes Westmoreland, Debbie Clary, Betsy Harnage, Dr. Pauline Cahill, Dr. Stephen Grinton, Bobby Horton, Mr. Robert Brown, Mrs. Bianca Muller*

**Call to Order / Welcome** –Wes Westmoreland - Chair

**Adoption of Agenda** – *Dr. Cahill made motion to adopt agenda. Dr. Grinton seconded motion. All in attendance voted in the affirmative. Agenda adopted.*

**Approval of Minutes** – *Betsy Harnage made correction to January 11, 21015 minutes to correct committee name Board Development Committee to Enrollment Committee. Debbie Clary made motion to approve minutes as amended. Dr. Cahill seconded motion. All in attendance voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved as amended.*

**Public Comments**—*speakers must sign in, limited to 3 minutes each*  
*Parents Jason & Amy Drum presented concern about Uniform Policy & when incidents occur. Chair thanked parents for information and stated that policy will be reviewed.*

#### **Reports from Committees**

**Finance/Budget** - *Debbie Clary – Acadia reviewed Finance report. Finance Committee recommended approval of Finance Report as presented. Finance Report accepted as presented. Ms. Clary thanked Board for their diligent work toward finances.*

**Facility Report** - *Wes Westmoreland – No printed report. Chair discussed the choice to extend lease for another two years. Mr. Brown preparing for additional space for future needs. Should have more information in approximately two weeks per Ms. Clary.*

**Enrollment Committee** – *Betsy Harnage – PCA has 114 initial applications to date. To show school pride for parents, the first 5 with the most referrals will receive 1 month of free lunches from The Gingerbread House. Competition will end March 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

**Parent Liaison** – *Bobby Horton – Mr. Horton reviewed report noting everyone likes the new lunches but are concerned about them being cold. Mrs. Muller has informed The Gingerbread House and will work to correct. Parents are asking when the 2015/2016 School Calendar will be available. Debbie Clary stated it will be ready during March. All concerns about the cleanliness of the school have already been addressed.*

**PCA Education Foundation** - *Betsy Harnage – PCAEF is working with PEAK on a Parade of Tables event to be held in the PCA Cafitorium on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Money raised*

will be for Technology for PCA. Evening will include John Carter of WBTV as emcee along with a dinner, a silent auction and student entertainment.

**Headmaster Report** - Mr. Robert Brown – Mr. Brown presented suggestion on a change to the Visitor Volunteers background check policy. After Board discussion, Debbie Clary made motion to approve the Visitor Volunteers background check policy change as presented. Betsy Harnage seconded motion. All in attendance voted in the affirmative. Motion passed. Hallelujah Acres completed facility needs as noted in report. The Security camera and DVR have been installed in the modular area. PCA received word from DPI that the Standard 6 Waiver has been approved. The State Board of Education has approved PCA's expansion request of up to 26%, which will be up to 466 students for the 2015-2016 school year. PCA is currently at 98% capacity.

**Dean of Students Report** - Mrs. Bianca Muller – Mrs. Muller presented the Board with the plan for the May End of Grade reading and math assessments. Rooms will be needed along with test administrators. Due to the amount of classrooms and school employees needed to administer the test, Mrs. Muller recommended K-2 stay home on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. All grades will meet the required instructional hours. Dr. Grinton made motion for K-2 students to stay at home during the End of Grade assessments in May 2015. Betsy Harnage seconded the motion. All in attendance voted in the affirmative. Motion passed. The Speech-Language Pathologist will screen all first grade students beginning on February 13<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> DPI will be on campus to conduct an Exceptional Children's Program assessment. Mrs. Muller reviewed the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) results with Board. Mrs. Muller also reviewed the PCA numbers in comparison to local schools. The Chair asked Mrs. Muller and Mr. Brown to pass along the Board's appreciation to the staff for a job well done.

**Board Training** - Debbie Clary – Ms. Clary requested the Board review the January report on Charter Schools in North Carolina. Ms. Clary noted there has been a 64% growth in Charter Schools in North Carolina and only 3 out of 104 closings of Charter Schools.

**New Business** – 5 members from School and 3 Board members will attend the Board Training in March.

**Old Business** - none

**Adjourn** – Betsy Harnage made motion to adjourn. Dr. Grinton seconded. All in attendance voted in the affirmative. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.