



FCCS Board Meeting Highlights

Dear Griffin Families,

Below are the highlights from the public board meeting that occurred on Monday, September 11th, 2023.

- Welcome to the first meeting of the 2023-2024 School Year! The summer was extremely busy for the Board of Trustees, working with a very small number of trustees and an ever growing list of responsibilities to include the Nominating Committee, probation strategic planning, governance training, as well as fundraising networking meetings, and the facility preparations to have the school ready for our staff and scholars return.
- Nine out of the ten probation items have been resolved satisfactorily and everyone should have received the detailed status report sent out from FCPS and the BOT on Friday, September 8th via Find Out First and also in the weekly school newsletter.
- The Board of Trustees are volunteer parents committed to effectively managing the operations of the school and dedicate many hours to make this task happen. We need the community to work together and take responsibility for other initiatives in order for our school to be successful. The term “it takes a village” is true! Everyone is needed and strongly encouraged to get involved in some way, whether it be in your child's classroom, PTC activities, advocacy for better charter school laws, whatever your availability and passion is, bring these resources to the school and help achieve the overall goals we have for the success of FCCS.
- A special thanks to the Nominating Committee for their hard work over the last several months! The Membership Meeting is on Wednesday, 9/27/23. If you are not able to attend, please send in your proxy!! Quorum is needed to vote additional trustees onto the board and your input is important. We do **not** have volunteers for childcare at the membership meeting so please plan accordingly.
- Mr Conroy reported that the new P.E. teacher started on 9/11 and the new SEIA started on 9/5. After school programs are being worked on to include Living Well Youth Works Life Skills, chorus, running club, and Destination Imagination. There is a Chess club that is being offered to families (similar to Clubhouse Kids) that isn't an official school club. The school continues to pursue a band, but this has to go through FCPS. This week is safety week and the staff and scholars have been practicing safety drills. There is an early dismissal coming up on 9/22 for Fair Day and mid-term.
- The Nominating Committee shared their progress and announced a letter would go out to the community shortly. Six people have applied, with four of them having already been interviewed and two to be interviewed this week. No one had applied for the treasurer

position and the committee was continuing their search for treasurer candidates. A meet the candidates forum will be held on 9/20 via Google Meet. Nominations of other candidates may be submitted by petition, as stated in Section 1(e) of Article A-V, may be sent to the secretary Ms. Danielle Tracey at danielle.tracey@frederickclassicalcharterschool.org, which must be received by the end of September 16, 2023.

- The Board approved the new 7th/8th grade math program (ALEKS, proposed by Mrs. Laura Taylor), lower grade optional uniform change, and funding for teacher and volunteer appreciation.
- The PTC reminded us that the Back to School picnic is Friday, 9/15 at Utica Park. They are still seeking grade level liaisons for 5th, 6th, 7th and additional help for K. There are a lot of activities scheduled for October (staff meal, book fair, trunk or treat) which will require volunteers. Anyone interested should submit a [volunteer interest form](#) to PTCvicechair@frederickclassicalcharterschool.org.
- The Board also discussed other work that is in the pipeline including a focus on committees. More details will be provided once they become available.
- The next meeting is the membership meeting on September 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

More details about this meeting will be included in the meeting minutes which will be officially approved at the next public meeting. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at Bot@frederickclassicalcharterschool.org.

In Service,

Board of Trustees, Frederick Classical Charter School, Inc.