



FCCS Membership Meeting Highlights

Dear Griffin Families,

Below are the highlights from the board meeting that occurred on Monday, May 13, 2024.

- Ms. Debbie Shoffner presented the President’s Report that included updates on the warehouse expansion and a request for community members with architectural experience to consider volunteering their skills; an update on the annual report, which will be presented to the BOE in July; and a call for “all hands on deck” in response to the proposed changes in charter school funding as a result of the Maryland Blueprint.
- Ms. Jessica Constant presented the Treasurer’s Report that indicates that FCCS, Inc. is in strong financial health, as well as the work being done to continue to understand the impact of the Maryland Blueprint on funding; and provided an overview of the landscape for grant submissions and required strategic planning (framework) to be able to submit grants.
- Mr. Colin Kenny presented the Head of School Report that included a summary of end of school year activities and appreciation for the community for a successful school year; the last day of school is Friday, June 7.
- Mr. Robert Wells presented the Facility Committee Report that included an update on the cafeteria door maintenance, and work to plan and schedule summer facility repairs; interested community members should anticipate a request for volunteers to help with summer maintenance projects.
- Mr. Steve Fraiser of TMMG presented the Fundraising and Grants Report which included a need for a strategic planning (framework) to be able to complete the grants in the pipeline; as well as proposed that BOT pause its contracted work with TMMG until documentation for the warehouse project is completed and can advance grant applications; communication will be maintained with TMMG during the hiatus; finally, community members were invited to ask questions.
- PTC Vice Chair Ms. Denise Olivero shared Parent/Teacher Committee updates on upcoming events, including the End of the School Year Picnic and STEAM Night; appreciation was shared for the volunteers who contributed to a successful Teacher Appreciation Week and Talent Show; all library books need to be returned for inventory.
- The Communications Sub-Committee report was shared by Ms. Krauss; volunteers are needed to help with a website update to take place this summer. No technical skills required.
- The Board approved motions for the following items: changes to the handbook to include general edits to grammar and formatting; removing the requirement for obituary when



absent for a funeral; not permitting Crocs (shoes); adding photographic examples of the uniform code and language to encourage parents to volunteer at least 15 hours a school year; a motion on adding language around smartwatches was suspended; volleyball scholarship request for \$435 for three scholars; and approval of \$129.28 for a partnership breakfast meeting with Quantum Loophole.

- The BOT suspended motions on the following items: the creation of a Special Committee to revise the by-laws; a draft document will be shared for BOT member review; and recording BOT meetings, until online storage options and pricing for the files can be identified and considered.
- Ms. Shoffner encouraged community members to consider how social media is shaping public perception of FCCS, as well as a suggestion to highlight the positive work that is being completed and encouraged members to advocate for FCCS.
- Ms. Constant urged the BOT members to prioritize the organization's strategic (framework) planning and a date was proposed for a public work session on Wednesday, May 29. Additionally, the BOT members will demo and consider the adoption of a CRM platform.
- Ms. Bowersox will research vendors for the annual community survey and bring three proposals to the board.
- Any member interested in applying for the Nominating Committee should send an email to bot@frederickclassicalcharterschool.org by May 31, 2024.
- The next board meeting will be held virtually on Monday, June 3, at 7 p.m.

More details about this meeting will be included in the meeting minutes, which will be officially approved in an upcoming public meeting. If you have any questions or comments, or are interested in joining a committee, please contact us at Bot@frederickclassicalcharterschool.org.

In Service,

Board of Trustees, Frederick Classical Charter School, Inc.