

RCS BOD MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2022

CTO/Pledge of Allegiance, 5:08pm

Present: Dr. Schuemann, President; Mr. Rankin, Vice President; Mrs. Menon, Member-At-Large; Mrs. Hamlin, Secretary; Mr. Anderson, Headmaster; Mr. Carpine, Deputy Headmaster

Community Members: None

Motion: Move to adopt the meeting agenda with the addition of the bookstore budget discussion item.

Moved: Dr. Schuemann
Second: Mrs. Menon
Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Move to adopt May 2022 minutes, notes & action review.

Moved: Mrs. Menon
Second: Mr. Rankin
Vote: Unanimous

Board Reports

Headmaster: Mr. Anderson reported that the trainings with the staff are going well.

Deputy Headmaster: Reported that he still needs to hire 8 TAs for classrooms. Interviews pending.

President: Contracts signed for: CLA Audit, CLA taxes, CSU contract for graduation services, new LMS (Bloomz), School Pass.

Secretary: Mentioned new School Pass for volunteer sign in and reviewed June/July Volunteer report

Board Business

Policy AP 1.0 Educational Priorities: The Board voted to adopt this policy with friendly amendments:

The Board of Directors desires that all students receive a classical, liberal arts education. To this end, the BOD has identified the following educational priorities:

1. The ability to read, write, and do mathematics well.
2. That students should study core subjects intensively, which will include history, literature, science, mathematics, and Classics (Latin and Greek).
3. Students will also study civics, economics, moral philosophy, geography, music, and art.
4. The curriculum will be rounded out with foreign languages, physical education, performing arts, and other electives as approved by the headmaster and that are consistent with a classical, liberal arts pedagogy.

5. Computer science, design, programming, and engineering will be offered to all interested students.
6. The outdoor program, in addition to teaching various skills and an appreciation of nature, will be used to complement the natural sciences as well as to teach Colorado history.
7. All students in middle school will take a composition sequence consisting of grammar, formal logic, and classical rhetoric.
8. Student participation in athletics will be enthusiastically supported under the presumption that Juvenal was correct – mens sana un corpore sano.
9. Penmanship, and specifically American Cursive as outlined by Michael Sull, will be taught to all students.
10. Primary sources in all humanities and “social science” courses will be prioritized above that of textbooks. In all subjects, whether in the humanities or natural sciences, textbooks will be used as a resource rather than as a base of the curriculum. This curriculum will exceed the State and District Model Content Standards.
11. Faculty will be expected to submit course plans, maps, and syllabi to the Academic Dean prior to the start of each of the three academic terms.

Motion: Mrs. Menon
 Second: Dr. Schuemann
 Vote: Unanimous

Policy SE 4.0 Discipline: The Board moved to adopt this policy with amendments.

The activity of learning requires students to be attentive and polite. As was agreed to in writing at the time of their enrollment, students are expected to adhere to the Code of Conduct and Character Pillars. If a student misbehaves, the consequences for that infraction will be immediate, relevant, and effectual. In evaluating consequences, teachers and the administration will determine if the act is a “first time,” a “repeated,” or a “habitual” offense. In accordance with this policy, Ridgeview Classical Schools has adopted the following procedure for disruptive behavior that requires an office referral. The teacher issues the student a Disciplinary Referral form (known as a ‘pink slip’), and the student is required to visit the Headmaster or their designee. Referrals shall accrue throughout the school year. All referrals will be logged into the school’s information system. In addition, the following actions will be taken according to the number of referrals:

- **1st Offense:** Student removed from class, sees administrator, and parents will be contacted.
- **2nd Offense:** Student removed from class, sees administrator, and parents will be contacted.
- **3rd Offense:** Student removed from class, sees administrator, calls home, and leaves for the remainder of that day. Student may not return without a parent attending school with him for the entire day, else the student will attend an extended in-school suspension.
- **4th Offense:** Student removed from class, sees administrator, calls home, and must attend detention for a minimum of five consecutive days, two hours each day. (Release from the detention program will be at prerogative of the Headmaster or their designee.) Additionally, the student will receive a one-day suspension to occur on the day of the school picnic. Pink slip #4 also results on an automatic suspension from attending field trips (in grades 7-12). (Elementary students may attend if accompanied by a parent.)
- **5th Offense and beyond:** Students receive an automatic two-day suspension for each subsequent referral, as well as a potential request for expulsion from Poudre School District. * Students with five pink slips will be ineligible for any RCS awards/scholarships for the current school year.

Suspended students will not be included on the Honor Roll for that quarter. At the discretion of the administration, students may be suspended for reasons other than their receiving a fourth pink slip. Such suspensions may render a student ineligible for field trips and other activities.

Students' misbehavior will not be used to “teach” the class a lesson.

At no time will a student's disciplinary record be discussed with another student or parent. However, other students or parents may be consulted regarding an incident in an attempt to discern the truth.

For disciplinary infractions deemed especially serious by the administration, the Headmaster and their designees retain the option of implementing a broad array of disciplinary actions including the release of details related to any disciplinary actions taken to college admissions officials, prospective employers, and military recruiters. Parents and students acknowledge the Headmaster’s prerogative in this regard by enrolling at Ridgeview Classical Schools. Ridgeview Classical Schools desires to educate all students who enter our school and expects nothing less than each student’s best effort.

**Poudre School District is the sole arbiter of expulsions. RCS may only recommend expulsion of a student to PSD. The expulsion process and proceedings will follow all PSD policies that apply. When students are expelled, they are expelled from the Poudre School district, which includes Ridgeview.*

Motion: Dr. Schuemann
Second: Mrs. Hamlin
Vote: Unanimous

Board Seat C: Motion to leave Seat C vacant at this time.

Motion: Dr. Schuemann
Second: Mrs. Menon
Vote: Unanimous

Policy Handbook Section Assignment: The Board approved the assignment of the handbook sections as follows: Employment: Mrs. Hamlin, Academic Program: Dr. Schuemann, School Environment: Mrs. Menon, Governance, Business and Miscellaneous: Mr. Rankin

Motion: Dr. Schuemann
Second: Mr. Rankin
Vote: Unanimous

Board Officer Appointments: The Board voted Dr. Schuemann, President; Mr. Rankin, Vice President; Mrs. Hamlin, Secretary; and Mrs. Menon, Member At Large.

Motion: Mrs. Hamlin
Second: Mrs. Menon
Vote: Unanimous

RCS Committees/Subcommittees: Moved to establish the following committees: School Accountability (SAC), Election, Legislative, Alumni, Fundraising, Financial, Volunteer, along with a Staff Christmas Party Subcommittee SAC, Election, Legislative, Alumni, Fundraising, Financial, Volunteer, AND Subcommittee: Christmas Party

Motion: Mrs. Menon
Second: Mr. Rankin
Vote: Unanimous

Committee Liaison Assignments: The Board appointed member liaisons for to the committees as listed:
SAC and Election: Mr. Rankin; Volunteers: Mrs. Hamlin; Alumni and Legislation: Mrs. Menon; Fundraising
and Financial: Dr. Schuemann

Motion: Dr. Schuemann
Second: Mrs. Hamlin
Vote: Unanimous

Finance committee: Mr. Nauman, Mr. Ryder, and Mr. Strom were unanimously appointed to the Finance
Committee. Mrs. Stanton (Business Office), and Mr. Anderson (administration), will also serve on the
committee.

Motion: Dr. Schuemann
Second: Mrs. Hamlin
Vote: Unanimous

School Accountability Committee Appointments: Miss Kujawa and Mr. Ayers were unanimously
appointed as faculty members to the SAC. Mr. Busek will serve as a community member and Mr. Carpine
will represent the Administration. Two open parent seats will be appointed later.

Motion: Mr. Rankin
Second: Mrs. Menon
Vote: Unanimous

Board Documents: Members signed all necessary documents.

Board Business - Discussion Items

COVID 19 Update: Mr. Carpine said that schools are now referred to local health Departments in matters
regarding Covid. Temperature checks and hand sanitizers, along with the cleaning protocols, will be
continued this year.

Extended Field Trips: The Board approved the following extend field trips:
6th grade August 31-September 2 (Annunciation Heights), 7th grade October 5-7 (Zirkle Trail), 8th grade
September 7-9 (Douglas, WY), 9th grade September 21-23 (Annunciation Heights), 10th grade September
14-16 (Fulford Cave), 11th grade October 19-21 (Westcliffe, CO), 12th grade September 28-30 (Fulford
Cave)

Motion: Dr. Schuemann
Second: Mr. Rankin
Vote: Unanimous

2022-2023 RCS Board Meeting Schedule: Open Board Meetings are scheduled at 5pm in R2 on
September 22, October 12, November 17, December 8, 2022, and January 19, February 16, March 23,
April 19, May 18, 2023.

Moved: Dr. Schuemann
Second: Mrs. Menon
Vote: Unanimous

Bookstore budget: Motion to renew the annual budget to \$25, 000.

Motion: Mrs. Menon
Second Dr. Schuemann
Vote: Unanimous

Community Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion: Move to adjourn meeting.

Moved: Mrs. Menon
Second: Dr. Schuemann
Vote: Unanimous

Open Meeting adjourned: 8:32pm

Next meeting is currently scheduled for September 22, 2022, at 5:00pm in R2