



Classical Education Network (CEN)
Minutes for Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 2nd, 2022, at 2:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Members in Attendance

- Mr. Christopher Hudson
- Mr. Glenton Gilzean
- Dr. Laura Pate
- Ms. Yvonne Caldwell

Guests

- Mrs. Erika Donalds

Members Absent

- Ms. SandraLee Buxton
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1. Meeting called to order at 2:31 p.m. by Mr. Hudson
2. Roll call attendance conducted by Mr. Hudson.
3. Introduction of new Board member, Yvonne Caldwell
4. Approval of meeting minutes: 6-29-2022 [vote]
Motion to approve meeting minutes made by Dr. Pate, seconded by Mr. Gilzean, vote: unanimous
5. Optima Foundation Report – Mrs. Donalds reported that the Charter contract transfer from PEN to OCA was officially approved by the Collier County School Board last Thursday. Optima Classical Academy is gearing up with approximately 300 students due to start on August 10th and also opening enrollment to individual courses. Optima is working to set up a tour for the CEN Board members of NCA and VR and a workshop to talk about Classical education, the school opening process, etc., and answer questions. Mrs. Donald reported that the Hillsdale interview of the CEN Board went extremely well and looks forward to hearing their decision within the next few weeks. Two more charter applications will be put before Lee County for approval at their August 30th Board meeting and then CEN Board approval at our September 6th Board meeting.
6. **New Business** – Mrs. Donalds
 - a. OCA Student Enrollment and Staffing Updates – Mrs. Donalds reported that OCA is fully staffed for the current student enrollment to begin on August 10th. Teachers and staff have completed Hillsdale teacher training in Tampa with excellent feedback. Openings remain in grades 3-8. We have received a total of 436 applicants and 236 students are just about complete with the enrollment process. OCA will continue with a rolling monthly enrollment schedule.
 - b. Duval Application – [vote] An application for a charter school in the Mandarin location in southwest Duval county. The property is 18 acres approved for K-8; with a potential need for re-zoning for K-12.
Motioned to approve the application made by Mr. Gilzean, seconded by Ms. Caldwell, vote: unanimous

- c. Fundraiser – [vote] Opportunity for a fundraiser.
The Optima Foundation was contacted by the senior advisor to Melania Trump and her charitable organizations to host a fundraising event in Naples in December featuring Melania Trump benefitting OCA general fund. Will have a call this week to discuss details and the event contract.
Motion made by Dr. Pate to pursue this fundraising event, seconded by Mr. Gilzean, vote: unanimous

- d. 2022-2023 Student Code of Conduct – [vote]
This document originates from the county school district and school leadership makes minor edits. All schools are required to report infractions to the district.
Motion made by Mr. Gilzean to approve the OCA 2022-2023 Student Code of Conduct, seconded by Ms. Caldwell, vote: unanimous

- e. 2022-2023 Active Assailant Plan – [vote] (see below)

- f. 2022-2023 Crisis Response Plan – [vote]
Motion made by Mr. Gilzean to approve the 2022-2023 Active Assailant Plan and Crisis Response Plan for OCA, seconded by Dr. Pate, vote: unanimous

7. Board Comments - None

8. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 6th, 2022, 2:30-4:00 p.m.