



Cornerstone Classical Academy
April 20, 2022, 4:00pm
Audit and Financial Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes
Hybrid Meeting held at 2360 St. Johns Bluff Road, Jacksonville, FL 32246
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Call to Order: Hybrid meeting (physical + virtual) called to order at 4:02pm.

	Present	Absent	Late
Mr. Chris Engl, Treasurer	Virtual		
Mrs. Sally Lutz, Director	In-Person		
Mrs. Lauren Wilder	Virtual		
Mrs. Pam Pepper	In-Person		

Roll Call: A quorum was established.

Guests included Edi Wohlgemuth (Executive Director), Dawn Oehmann (Principal), Kelly Goddin (Senior Accountant from SFS), and Dawn Kell, and David Hoyt.

Mission Statement, read by Lauren: The mission of Cornerstone Classical Academy is to sharpen the minds and cultivate the hearts of students through a content-rich classical education in the liberal arts and sciences, with instruction in the principles of moral character, civic virtue, and knowledge of truth.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Sally, seconded by Pam. Motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comments: None

Presentations: Financial Report by Executive Director Wohlgemuth. Edi discussed various aspects of the Executive Director's monthly financial report, with discussion that lasted approximately 30 minutes. Dawn Oehmann announced the school had received approval on

4/20th for Esser III grant funds of approximately \$1million to be used for various prespecified uses for the school. There is also another round of funding of somewhere between \$340k to \$370k that was previously approved in Esser funds that is still being worked through as well as another round of Esser II reimbursements still in the works. It is unclear which of any of these Esser reimbursements would hit during the currently still year, per Kelly Goddin of SFS.

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from March 21, 2022 regular Audit + Financial Oversight meeting by Sally, seconded by Lauren. Motion approved unanimously.

Committee Reports: Pam shared a recommendation that Pam would work with Edi to finalize a draft of the 400 series and suggested we bring this back at the May meeting with the final version.

Unfinished Business:

Motion made by Pam and seconded by Sally to table the Series 400 draft until the May A+FO regular meeting, with the understanding that Edi would assist Pam with final edits to the draft and present those changes to the committee for review. Lauren asked for clarification if we would go through the changes at the next A+FO meeting which was incorporated in the motion. No further discussion. The vote was called and the motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

- 1. Motion by Chris seconded by Sally to recommend the Board approve the March 2022 Monthly Financial Report.** No discussion followed. The vote was called and the motion was approved unanimously
- 2. Motion by Chris seconded by Sally to suspend Robert's rules and begin a discussion.** The vote was called and the motion was approved unanimously.
Discussion: Pam asked given the actions by Gov Desantis's DOE in removing a large number of books from the state's approved curriculum, how does Cornerstone Classical handle the vetting of its books? Dawn Oehmann shared insights. Among those insights, DawnO noted anything that is not approved by the board or any suggested changes to the curriculum would come back for Board approval. Chris asked if the principal had any leeway. DawnO noted that her default position was to come back to the Board for approval. Edi made the point that the school should continue to teach that there are

controversial topics such as global warming purely from the perspective that these topics are being discussed outside the school so that our students are aware that there are such discussions happening and how to approach this. Chris said it was his view that we should not engage in so-called “book burning”, in apparent agreement with Edi. Chris stated that it should be the goal of the school, in line with the stated mission, to teach morals and good character in addition to “how to think” and to foster critical thinking and reason and how to recognize logical fallacies so that the students are armed with those skills when they leave CCA.

Chris also asked if one of our staff were ever to deviate from the school’s mission, how would the administration handle this. DawnO noted that Florida is a right to work state but also that a fair a balanced investigation would take place in such a hypothetical circumstance. The administration would establish both sides of the story in such a hypothetical scenario and that all parties would be treated fairly and have the opportunity to report anything around a reported incident. Moreover, other teachers would alert the administration if a teacher was deviating from the school’s mission as well as alerts from students or the student’s parents.

When no more discussion was forthcoming, the rules were reinstated and the meeting continued.

Committee Development:

- a. Chris reminded everyone to keep an eye out for possible committee members in future and the intent to recruit more members.
- b. Chris reminded the group of committee training opportunities.

Next Committee Meetings & Locations:

- € 4pm on Monday, May 23, 2022, hybrid meeting
- € 4pm on Wednesday, Jun 22, 2022, hybrid meeting
- € 4pm on Monday, July 20, 2022, hybrid meeting
- € 4pm on Monday, August 22, 2022, hybrid meeting
- € 4pm on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, hybrid meeting
- € 4pm on Monday, October 24, 2022, hybrid meeting
- € 4pm on Monday, November 28, 2022, hybrid meeting
- € No December meeting

Adjournment: Sally motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pam. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm.