



**TRUE NORTH**  
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

# TRUE NORTH

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## Board Meeting Agenda

Friday, November 20, 2015 ❖ 10:00 am  
9393 Sunset Drive • Miami, FL 33173

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I. Opening Session

A. Call to Order & Roll Call

**Call to order at 10:10 am**

**Present: Luis Diaz, Richard Moreno, Laura Walker**

Others: Marc Snyder, Curtis Fuller, Mark Levine, Michael Bileca

B. Agenda - Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Mr. Diaz, Seconded by Ms. Walker. Approved unanimously.**

II. Reports

A. School Progress Report

I-Reading diagnostic has started, the diagnostic will be providing data for the pupil progression on math and reading. 60% of the students tested in math scored above level tier 1, and 34% scored in reading. These results will be used in the students' RTI and interventions will be established. All data will be used and shared with all teachers and goals will be set.

Classical education has continued for all staff. Singapore math and science workshops are and will be scheduled. A workshop was also sponsored for the parents. The Teachers were also trained in the math and modeled lessons were performed.

Dr. Snyder along with several teachers attended a tour of some of the classical schools in the state of Florida. Information gathered will be shared with all faculty, True North is ahead of the game as far as curriculum, staffing and training.

The school has purchased IXL licenses, this will enable students to practice the math skills at home.

Teacher evaluation have started, True North has adopted and adapted the evaluation version from the Florida Consortium of Public Charter School. Two formal observations and an end of the year evaluation. **Mr. Diaz made a motion to adapt the model of the observation and the evaluation, it was seconded by Ms. Walker. The motion passed unanimously.**

The art teacher and the office manager resigned, a new teacher has been hired Mrs. Gagliano and the office manager Mrs. Ruiz. Both have extensive experience and are very knowledgeable in the content area.

We currently have 179 in student enrollment with 25 students in our waiting list and 60 applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Currently the school is working on plans to build a pod to house the 6<sup>th</sup> graders for the next school year. The structure will house 2 to 3 classrooms. Priorities will go to families currently attending True North, currently we have enough siblings to establish a kindergarten class.

The school conducted its first fundraiser event "Battlefrog". We raised \$12,000.00. The company that was hired to man the event waived their fees. A Gala has been scheduled for Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. A silent auction and a live auction will be part of the evening festivities.

The school's had their first award ceremony where Principal's Honor, Regular honor Roll and Virtues awards were given out.

Mr. Snyder has given the teachers a book-C.S. Lewis's Abolition of Man for a faculty study.

New student class schedule will be rolled out on 11/30/2015 which will show a more in-depth approach and more compacted specials.

#### B. Finance Report

Written financials were provided to the Board in the Board Packet.

The October statement shows that the fix cost was \$430,000.00. The District reviews balance sheets not long term. Year to date total loss has been \$740,000.00. Monies has been transfer in, in the amount of \$307,000.00 to cover the daily expenses. In the next board meeting an updated budget will be presented along with a comparison of other schools. As the school moves forward expenses will be defined and adjusted and as the expenses stabilizes a truer picture will show going into next year. Fundraiser will be conducted and the profits will go into the operating fund to supplement activities deficiencies. We need to be transparent to the parents in order for the parents understand the deficiencies and training them on where the monies is been spent. Several budget items have been reviewed such as the bus cost, not enough students were riding the bus so as of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the bus will be discontinued. The foundation loan is been updated to reflects the actual amount. Took out the interest to loan long term.

**A motion was made by Mr. Diaz to accept the Foundation Loan updates and seconded by Ms. Walker. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### III. Consent Agenda

##### A. Approve Minutes from October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**A motion was made by Mr. Diaz to accept the minutes from October board meeting and seconded by Ms. Walker. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. Board Discussion / Actions

##### A. New Board Member

Appointment of a new board member Mr. Kent "Peter Windhorst. Mr. Windhorst has served as a Principal and Chief Financial Officer since 1996. Prior to Collins Capital, Mr. Windhorst was a partner and the Chief Financial Officer of Intercap Investments, Inc. Mr. Windhorst received his B.S. degree in accounting from the University of Nebraska. **Mr. Diaz made a motion to approve that Mr. Windhorst be voted in as the new board member and seconded by Mr. Pages. The Motioned passed unanimously.**

##### B. Sports Season

Mr. Snyder praised Coach Mike for a wonderful job putting together the soccer and the basketball teams. The school entered into a charter school league, the school placed third in the county. Most students participated in both sports with 90% of the student body participating in at least one of the sport. Parents paid \$125.00 for the season per child. A new school mascot was named "The Titans".

##### C. Announcements

Next Board meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2015 at 10:00 am.

#### V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.