SEACOAST CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTERED PUBLIC SCHOOL
Meeting of the Curriculum Committee
Friday, July 18, 2025 1:30 PM
Seacoast Classical Academy
53 Carlton E. Sockwell Way, Newton NH 03858

Non-Public Session may be called at any time in accordance with RSA 91A:3 II.

Members in attendance: Cindy Lyons (chair), Arlene Quaratiello, Lydia Nadeau, Michael Gendre, Kate Riddell.
Members not in attendance: Sim Weller.
Other attendees: Linda Allard, Robert Chase

1. Call to Order: CL called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM
    - Introduction and Welcome to new member, Arlene Quaratiello

2. Public Comment - none.

3. Approval of Minutes 02/11/25
    - LN made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/11/25. 2nd by MG. Approved 5-0.

4. Review of Curriculum Committee Purpose and Objectives from 2024/25
    - The committee reviewed the purpose and charge document approved by the Board of Trustees in the 2024-2025 school year. It is the goal of the committee to include faculty member(s) from the lower school grades. Additions agreed upon by committee may be brought forward for approval by Board of Trustees.
    - The committee discussed the goal of having a more standardized evaluation process for scholars and the academy.

5. Human Resources
    - The committee discussed the newly hired Director of Curriculum and Supervision

6. Hillsdale Curriculum Composition Discussion (Arlene, Cindy)
    - CL thanked AQ and AC for sharing concerns regarding the composition curriculum for middle and high school.
    - AQ gave an overview of the concerns arising during year one. LN shared her perspective of being a parent supporting a middle school scholar using the composition curriculum.
    - CL discussed that the committee and Board of Trustees did not become aware of these concerns until the end of the 2024-205 school year. Had concerns been known earlier, the board would have obtained outside consultants to assist sooner. Also acknowledged was the fact that no training in the curriculum was provided at the start of year 1. This is something that the committee and Board are actively rectifying for the start of year 2.
    - CL discussed that the curriculum can't change because of the SCA Charter and due to the conditions for being a Hillsdale K-12 curriculum licensee school. CL has subsequently been in contact with a trainer from IEW who was dismayed that the faculty was unaware of his services last year. Also noted was that the IEW Structure and Style

curriculum has been re-written to correspond to the Hillsdale K-12 curriculum more closely. Scholars using the updated materials will be writing about topics studied in other classes; an interdisciplinary approach.

- AQ and others will be taking a 3 day training with IEW in August to better implement this part of the curriculum in year 2, with proper training and updated materials to better correspond to the curriculum as a whole.

7. Classical Learning Test Update/ Proposal to Implement CLT for 2025-26
    - KR discussed the Classical Learning Test (CLT) - its purpose and utility in providing a meaningful biannual assessment of classical school scholars in grade 3-8. Also discussed the CLT 10 and CLT which correspond to the PSAT and SAT respectively. College scholarship money is tied to scoring well on these test in the upper grades.
    - KR ran pilot enrichment activity in May 2025 offering the CLT on paper to interested scholars. The feedback was positive: scholars preferred the paper format to the online format of the NH state assessment tests. They found the passages in the verbal section more closely mirrored what they had been learning at SCA.
    - KR mad a motion to recommend the the SCA Board of Trustees adopt the CLT for grades 3-8 in the Fall to establish benchmarks and in the Spring as a summative assessment. 2nd by LN. Approve 5-0.

8. Core Virtues Program Implementation / Parent Volunteer Committee
    - LA discussed the Core Virtues Program adopted by the Board of Trustees in the 2024-2025 school year. Many families from classical school love this program and say that the “virtue of the month activities are what scholars remember most about the school day.”
    - LA discussed the desire to get parents involved in implementation of the Core Virtues program. Over time, we would like to progress to having a monthly virtue assembly. Additionally, printed materials about the virtue of the month should go home with scholars. Ideas and materials for implementing these virtues into the daily classroom activities are available in the Lyons Family Library.

9. Goals of Curriculum Committee for SY25-26
    - Next meeting will focus on initial committee input & goals to be ready to present to BOT for approval in Fall

10. Webinar Date/Registration Information/ IEW
    - August 4, 5, 6 will be the dates for the IEW Structure and Style webinar training.
    - Attendees will be AQ, MG, BB, CL

11. Future Agenda Items (and items from prior meetings)
    1. Professional development Singapore Math, Literacy Essentials, Structure And Style, Classical Education Skills
    2. Dyslexia Screening/District responsibility/how timely screening supports students
    3. Scholar Assessment Plan for SY25-26
    4. Other items as needed.

12. Schedule next meeting date: TBD.

13. Adjourn: KR made a motion to adjourn at 2:44 PM. 2nd by CL. Approve 5-0.