
Addendum to the Master Agreement

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Dear Trustees,

Imogene gave us a copy of the attached Proposed Addendum to the Master Agreement last Friday.

In response, we would first like to confirm the Society's commitment to working together with BRSD and communicating in an environment of mutual respect and trust. In this spirit, since the June 15th meeting, the Society has been seeking to work cooperatively with the BRSD Committee to resolve the concern over the censorship of the Bible at CCA (note that we were disappointed by portions of the communications BRSD publicly issued at the June 15th meeting and last week but have chosen not to focus on this since it would detract from the positive work we are doing). Together we have achieved a Joint Statement which has been issued to the CCA staff and parents. We believe the resolution of this issue between the Society and the BRSD shows that we can continue to work together with appropriate communication.

The Society has also been seeking to work with BRSD to address the malicious messages some BRSD members and staff have received. We have issued a public statement against such messages, and the Society has also directly addressed any malicious emails BRSD has provided the Society, seeking to combat such damaging communications. Unfortunately, the media cannot be controlled in how they spin stories to suit their own agendas.

Moving forward, the Society is committed to working with BRSD and issuing any public communication regarding CCA jointly, if at all possible. We recognize that making a matter public is a means of very last resort. As a result of our generally productive discussions with the BRSD Committee, the Society is now aware that we can direct communications to the entire BRSD Board, should we feel shut out of further conversation pending an imminent "final decision". We are grateful for this expressed openness of BRSD Trustees, and expect all future concerns can be resolved through communication directly with the BRSD Board in this manner.

Further, in regard to communication with CCA staff, the Society recognizes that it is the role of the school council to work with the CCA Principal to implement the CCA School Vision and Purpose Document. The Society, or Society Board members acting in that capacity, will therefore refrain from contacting CCA staff directly in their role as society members. In the event an issue of concern is brought to the Society's attention, the Society will communicate directly with the BRSD Board (we anticipate such communication will go through Imogene initially as was done in the past).

With that said, the Proposed Addendum seems to be a gag order, which we believe is inappropriate in the context of interactions between a representative parent Society and a public school Board. The Society represents a community of people who have a vested interest in issues affecting CCA, and consequently we can not agree to the requirements and broad restrictions in the Proposed Addendum. Without addressing the numerous problems in the Proposed Addendum (which would make this email very long), we believe that the commitments and progress listed above form a strong basis for further cooperative communication and progress as we all seek to serve the best interests of the students at CCA.

We invite additional dialog via email or we can meet together to discuss this further if you like.

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