

1.

Martin van Cleeff

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2 children enrolled at CCS: Lucie (7th) and Phoebe (4th)

Member of corporation for 8 years

BA from Duke University in Biochemistry  
MS in Human Nutrition from Columbia University  
MD from Wake Forest School of Medicine

My only experience in the educational field was when I taught Sunday school to elementary age children at Calvary Chapel. Oh, and teaching medical students during Residency.

My first and foremost goal is to reflect Christ, whether it's in my home, at my job, or in the community.

I would like to serve on the CCS Board because I wish to be part of ensuring that our children don't just get a Christian education but a classical Christian education. I agree with the core values of CCS, with the direction in which the Board and Mr. Hinton area leading the school, and I would like to play a part in the execution of those goals. I believe I can help!

2.

I attend Colonial Baptist Church

I am not a member but have attended regularly for 2.5 years.

I do not serve any role at church. Yet.

When at Calvary Chapel I served regularly as "physician of the day" and I taught elementary Sunday school. Even held babies occasionally.

3.

I am an Internal Medicine Physician.

I work for myself at Jacobs and van Cleeff Internal Medicine.

I don't have formal management experience other than running a private medical practice.

Previously, I was a founding partner of Cary Medical Group.

4.

Relevant experience/skill sets:

Prior board experience: I am on the Board of Together We Can (the organization that oversees my medical mission in Haiti)

I served on the Administrative Board at First Methodist Cary for 3 years

Area of past CCS service: Most popular chaperone on field trips

Field Day volunteer

Career Day & Leadership Forum speaker/advisor,  
speaker for 4th grade Science Day

Areas of past non-CCS service: Volunteer physician at the Open Door Clinic from 1995-2017.

2 mission trips to the Crimean Peninsula 2008 and  
2009

9 medical mission trips to Haiti 2000-2008

Areas of current CCS service: none

Areas of current non-CCS service: Current member of Together We Can board

5.

Jesus Christ is the Way and the Truth and the Life, No one comes to the Father except through him. This is my foundation. Jesus is my way. He provides me with life not just eternal but right now every day. He is the only truth in this very broken world. No one will have meaningful life without Him. Not one will be happy apart from Him. Apart from him it is impossible to know what is right and what is wrong.

I read and meditate on the Word of God daily but cannot truthfully say that I study it every day.

I do teach my children the Word of God.

I do lead my family spiritually.

6.

The vision and mission of CCS is to teach our children how to thrive as Christ followers in today's secular world. The goal at CCS is to not only educate our children showing them that God is present in every part of our lives, but teach them how to actually defend their faith (and whatever they believe) whether through debate or through writing.

Classical education is a style of teaching that incorporates the trivium which mirrors where children are in their natural state of development. Grammar is the first stage and is perfect for the sponges that our young children's brains are. Dialectic or logos is perfect for middle schoolers since they want to argue about everything and need to learn how to back that up. Rhetoric or high school furthers that skills needed to express one's views in high school, college & life.

An excellent run class would be one where the teacher engages & challenges the students. There would be order, but carried out in love, as to bring out the best in each student. What's taught at school would be reinforced by the parents and what's taught at home would be reinforced by the teacher.

I am not aware yet of any problems I have with the policy documents of CCS.

I don't like the word "improve". I like the words "evolve" and "adapt". I think that the Board and the school have done a great job in recognizing problems and areas of improvement, and acting on them appropriately.

I may not have formally served in any capacity for CCS but I am always there and I know a lot of people. I think that I am in touch and I think that I am very approachable. I listen, am not hasty with responses and do not like to kick the can down the road!

The role of the Board and I see it is to oversee, complement and assist the CCS Headmaster and staff in the school's great commission.

Hah well a long time ago (maybe 15 years ago or longer) when I first met Gene Liechty, I decided that CCS was the place for my children. I told Heather that we needed to get our foot in the door because, at that time, there was a waiting list for kindergarten. That was when we started sponsoring a team at the CCS Golf

Classic, even though we had not even become parents yet!

*Ann*