

Christian Schools Inc.
Central Christian School
Board of Trustees

MINUTES
March 2, 2015 – 5:30pm – Library

Board members present: Marion Beyeler, Jerry Horst, ~~Burke Hummel, David L. Miller, Susan Miller,~~
Darrell Smucker, Karen Steiner, Norman Yoder, Carl Wiebe

Administrators present: Eugene Miller, Joel Otto, Joyce Taylor, ~~Bruce Kooker~~

I. OPENING

A. Devotions – Jerry Horst

Jerry asked us to turn off our cell phones and challenged us to consider how we build rest into our lives. The world needs some “unbusy” Christian leaders. We may need to intentionally schedule rest into our lives, times to unplug and find refreshment.

B. Review of January 5, 2015 meeting minutes

ACTION #1 Approve the minutes of meeting #904A January 5, 2015
Jerry Horst / Norm Yoder / carried

C. Approval of Agenda

ACTION #2 Approve the agenda Karen Steiner / Marion Beyeler / carried

II. UPDATES

A. Leadership Reports

Joyce reported we have had a number of prospective families visiting the school during the past 2 weeks. We had 42 visitors on Visitation Day, Feb 16, and interest from those families continues. We have not received any feedback from parents on the tuition increase for 2015-16. We continue to process the potential need to establish waiting pools for some classes.

B. Review of financial statements – Joel

The financial statements were distributed; Joel has spent most of his recent time working on the Auction.

C. Board Standing Committee Reports

Building and Grounds – Jerry Horst, Art Neuenschwander, Karen Steiner, Norman Yoder,
Russell Miller

Development – Susan Miller, Marion Beyeler, Marie Mast

Education – Dave Miller, Rhoda Mast, Matt McMullen, Michael Amstutz, Joyce Taylor

Executive – Carl Wiebe, Gene Miller

Finance – Anita Fisher, Burke Hummel, Brian Kempf, Darrell Smucker, Joel Otto

III. OPEN ISSUES

A. Enrollment plan – Bruce

Gene will cover this reporting at the next meeting.

IV. LOOKING AHEAD/KEY DISCUSSION TOPICS

A. Review of Corporation Membership list

Board approved submitting this report to the Ohio Conference Leadership Team. One correction was made.

B. Discussion of Science Grant

A grant of \$150,000 was given to the CCS Science program. The Science Department will put a program together; the donor requests that this grant is not used for facility/desks and chairs. The science teachers were given a procedure to use in developing a priority list of projects for building

the science program. The goal is to enhance the preschool through grade 12 science program. The donor will be shown the criteria of how we prioritized and determined what projects to do; this honors the donor and helps us to keep the relationship growing.

Questions from board members included: Will some of the money be set aside for maintenance of new projects? Board requested that we add a question concerning sustainability to the procedure document. The Board wishes to have the final vote on the #1 priority project.

C. Auction Updates

The board received a document listing current auction items for March 7. The auction match is \$248,500. The committee has worked hard and was affirmed: Jennifer Shutt, Rich Horst, Bruce Hummel, Alan Miller and Scott Nussbaum.

D. Board Development Committee

The Development Committee is working on restructuring. They will focus on the major 4 fundraising areas of the school along with marketing. The committee will focus on adding 2 more members, so that each member will oversee and be knowledgeable about one of the 5 areas. Auction, CSD, local admissions, international admissions, and marketing comprise the 5 areas. Marion noted that the 3 current members of the development committee feel this is a healthy way to operate and are energized by the changes. At this time, Gene will meet with the committee.

Marion added that the Superintendent's review done by corporation members and pastors is in process, with the surveys being sent and the results collected by the end of March. Carl, the board president, will review comments and follow-up if needed.

V. PROPOSED ACTIONS

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VI. NEXT BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

- A. April 6, 2015 5:30 pm
- B. Prayer: Susan Miller

VII. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- A. May 4, 2015 5:30 pm
- B. Devotions: Susan Miller

VIII. CLOSING PRAYER/BLESSING – Jerry Horst

Adjourned: 6:15 pm

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Burke Hummel was present for the executive session)

Doris Risser, recording secretary

Dave Miller, secretary of Board of Trustees