

Grace Christian School Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 27th, 2015

Approved on August 24th, 2015 - Scott Reeve and Brian Bradshaw

Meeting called to order 18:35

Opening Prayer

Board Members in Attendance: Steve Levi, Matthew Sexton, Ken Housh, Brian Bradshaw, Dan DesRosiers, Scott Reeve, and Joe Pepple.

Visitors: Todd Zimmerman, Kristie DesRosiers, Jodi Thompson, Angie Sexton, Sheryl Bontrager, Beth Johnson, Sarah Erickson, Joe Verlin, and Marilyn Cuthbert

Board Chair introduced guest Joe Verlin and introduced him to the board. Mr. Verlin will be part of the financial audit team that will be auditing the school. Q&A from the board and visitors. Gabridge and Company. <http://www.gabridgeco.com>

Finance Report

Ken reviewed the Balanced Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget Performance, and Budget Meeting Summary. Q&A by the board and visitors. Discussion on finances for 2014/2015 relative to 2015/2016.

Motion to approve June Statements by Scott Reeve, Second by Ken Housh

Minutes Review and Approval

Review and discussion on June open and closed meeting minutes. Motion for Approval of open meeting minutes: Scott Reeve, Second by Ken Housh. Motion for Approval of closed meeting minutes Joe Pepple, Second by Brian Bradshaw

Chairman's Report

Board training scheduled for Oct 26th 2015 - 18:00 - 21:30

Bylaws Schedule – June, July, August

Matt to work with Steve to set-up a schedule to begin reviewing the bylaws in August

B&I Drive – June, July, August

Packets distributed to the members. Push for completion by the end of August.

Administrator Evaluation

Steve still waiting for administrator evaluation from 5 members.

Berrien County Youth Fair

Sign-up sheet passed around during the meeting.

Principal Zimmermans Report

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Enrollment: Reviewed the current enrollment numbers. Conservative total 149. Likely 158.
Staff: Discussion on staffing for the individual grades and combining classes. Beth Johnson and Marilyn Cuthbert discussed the advantages and disadvantages of combination classes. New Bible Teacher hired: Elliot Schwarze

Handbooks: Student, Athletics, and Staff being updated by the staff. Jodi Thompson presented the changes she would like to make to the athletic handbook. Discussion by board and guests.

Home Schooling: Michigan Department of Education rules and regulations from the state discussed with the board. Discussion on the changes to the home school program for 2015/2016.

Mr. Zimmerman brought up the Pastoral Discount and questioned the definition of the discount. Per the Constitution "Beginning with the 1987-88 school year, the pastoral discount policy of Grace Christian School will offer to any pastor (a recognized leader of an organized church) a discount inversely proportionate to the total taxable family income. (Limitation of two (2) family discounts per church body) See appendix to this section for current schedule"

ACSI Accreditation discussion on the status of the school.

Pastoral luncheon Thursday October 29th.

Building and Grounds Report

Thanked the Sexton's for their support by mowing the school lawn last year. Our mower is repaired and it needs to be picked up.

Sister Lakes Community church worked at the school - Big thank you to that community.

Additional items being worked on by the committee was reviewed for the board.

Academic Report

Grants for text books and AR reading being written.

Advancement Committee Report

Assembling the new team and will report back to the board next month.

Business and Industry

Nothing at this time.

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Technology Report

New website will be online by August 15th, 2015.

Grant Update

Nothing at this time.

New Business

Request by the PTF to release money held by the school so that they begin to order supplies for Apple Pie Fundraiser. Money will be moved from Restricted to the appropriate PTF account.

Question about Board Liability Insurance - Board is covered by the insurance carrier.

Discussion on aftercare fees and compensation to employees.

Discussion on uncollected tuition from 2014/2015.

Staff appreciation luncheon Wednesday at Midway Baptist Church.

Back to school night Thursday August 27th - Chili Cook Off Night.

Closing Prayer