

Lutheran School Association
Christian Board of Education
April 24, 2023
Minutes

Members Present: W Bodine, J Bryant, S Doddek, J Fletcher, C Gerhard, M Howe, E Jaggi, K Jones, Pastor Mark, Pastor Adam

Members Absent:

Staff: B Booth

J Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Mark opened with devotion.

AGENDA APPROVAL

- J Fletcher made a motion to approve the agenda. M Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION

- Approve minutes of the February 6, 2023, and March 20, 2023, meetings.
- Approve Finance Report.
- Approve Staff Reports.
- S Doddek made a motion to approve the consent agenda. E Jaggi seconded the motion. The motion passed.

FOUNDATION REPORT

- First meeting -- 7 people in attendance.
- Action Steps include an alumni initiative and making business connections to share our vision.
- An official member is needed from St. Paul's congregation.
- Advisory members – can we add 3 at-large members and who would approve those members?

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

- Executive Administrator's Report (Oral)
 - Enrollment for Fall 2023 is at 325 students with 13 "leaning for sure," 12 "verbal intents to return," 9 "undecided," and 19 have not heard back from. We anticipate 15+ in Kindergarten and Little Lions and several new enrollments in 1st – 12th. The primary scenario is that enrollment will remain even from this year to next year.
 - There will be two 4th grade classes and maybe two 1st grade classes or two kindergarten classes.
 - Auction: there were 365 attendees and a profit of \$91K.
 - The Next Steps Night saw low attendance but positive comments from those who attended. There was a representative from Empower Illinois present.
 - Gym floor work will begin May 15, 2023. People are continuing to follow up with "asks" and looking for a matching donor to meet the final goal.
 - Staffing: Dr. Stephen Frech has been selected as the Education Leader. He begins work June 15, 2023. Jennifer Suckow will be the part-time art teacher and Brian is in the final stages of hiring a part-time music teacher.

- Staffing Needs: seeking a 4th grade teacher, 1st grade teacher, agriculture teacher. Interviews for the high school “faith” teacher (3 of the 4 candidates are “called”) and high school math teacher are being conducted in the following week.
- Teaching credentials: there still may be a couple of teachers that do not have their needed teaching credentials. The information should be on file in the office.
- ReSale Shop
 - April sales are currently at \$26,000 with one week left in the month.
 - The potholes, driveways and sidewalks at the ReSale Shop are in terrible condition and are going to need to be repaired in the future. C Gerhard may be able to help with the City’s portion.

OLD BUSINESS

- Accreditation – N/A
- Mission Partnership
 - The Board will confirm/re-affirm numbers at the next meeting.
 - Confirm that St. Paul’s Church is responsible for the \$660,000 2022-2023 assessment.

NEW BUSINESS

- Board Transparency
 - When new website is completed, Christian Board of Education minutes will be posted as a “best practice.”
 - Question for discussion, “Would we want parents to attend the Board meetings?”
- Board Terms
 - We need to get the status updates of terms for our current board members; Joel Fletcher’s term as Mt. Calvary’s representative ends May 2023.
- Pastor’s Terms – may stay the same for now.
- Constitution Committee
 - Discussion – take a pause on this endeavor because of all the new changes.
 - Pastor Adam suggested waiting until the school year starts and maybe using a different name for the committee, such as Funding Model Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

- J Fletcher made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. E Jaggi seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- J Fletcher made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:46 p.m. M Howe seconded the motion. Motion passed.