

Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Monday, January 29, 2018 at 6:00pm in the board room. The following items were discussed and/or acted upon at the meeting.

The board approved the December 18, 2018 minutes from the regular board meeting and the executive session along with the monthly financials as presented.

The board continues discussion on the formation of a development committee. They are in the process of putting together this committee. Mike Atwood our board chairperson is leading the effort to recruit members to the development committee.

The annual campaign letter went out to perspective donors on December 6th. The campaign generated just under \$5,000.

The foundation board did not meet in January. Their next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2018. The main item on the agenda will be replacement of the skylights in the atrium and the water testing.

The board reviewed the high school and K-8 principal reports as presented. The board reviewed the athletic director report as presented.

The board reviewed the Admission directors report. The enrollment has decreased by one student at the high school from the December census. We lost 3 students from the junior high school. We now have 253 students in grade K-8, down 3 from December, and 114 in the high school. Susan continues to meet with prospective parents and students interested in attending. We do have 3 elementary age students returning to the LSA on February 13, from Brazil.

Dr. Holmes discussed a parent focus group that took place on January 23. Dr. Holmes was seeking input from parents in five areas, technology, faculty/staff, curriculum, extra-curricular activities, and discipline. The use of a modified SWOT analysis allowed parents to identify strengths and areas in need of improvement. The administrative team will look at the analysis and develop an action plan to tackle the areas in need of improvement. The plan will be shared with the faculty/staff, board, and parents.

We are waiting on the water to be tested by Ideal Environmental before they can be used. I spoke to them on Monday, and have been told we are on their list to be tested. Our in house tests show that the lead levels are below the state standards.

The board will be keeping tuition the same for next school year. We want to see the impact of the Tax Credit Scholarship Program before we make any recommendations moving forward. In addition we would like to offer a one-time reduction in tuition (50%) to any new families who enroll at the LSA. The board also approved a reduction of enrollment fees (\$150) to a student attending the LSA from a non-member church upon recommendation of the church pastor, this would be in addition of the 50% if they a first time students.

The bid to repair the atrium skylight is just under \$68,000. The Foundation will need to consider how to proceed with this much needed repair. They may need to look at an alternative to the skylight system currently in place.

The board approved the 2018-19 school calendar as presented. The school year will begin on 8/14/2018 and will end on 5/17/2019. We will have a 2 week Christmas Break and will have a spring break built into the calendar. We are going to have 1 full day school improvement day and 2 half day school improvement days. We have eliminated the 2:00pm dismissals.

The board approved the paying of \$500 for each scholastic Bowl sponsor at the junior high and high school level.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on February 26, 2018 at 6:00pm.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to see me.

Dr. Holmes