

Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 6:00pm in the board room. The following items were discussed and/or acted upon at the meeting. The board did not meet in September due to a lack of a quorum.

The board approved the August 27, 2018 minutes from the regular board meeting, and the executive session along with the monthly financials as presented. The board also approved the resignation of Elizabeth Zimmerman as kindergarten aide effective immediately.

The development committee did not meet due to a lack on attendance. The development has recruited new members to the board to assist with fund raising moving forward. The next meeting of the board will be November 1 at 6:00pm in the board room.

The foundation board meet on October 17, 2018 in the board room. The board discussed the completion of the atrium skylights. The board also discussed the replacement of the heating/cooling unit for the gym. The board discussed the Ameren rebates for the gym light replacement. The board also heard an update on the replacement of the kitchen equipment via an Ameren Kitchen Makeover Grant. We will be notified in early November whether or not we will receive the grant.

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 director's report. To date the 2018-19 enrollment counts stands at 257 for grades K-8 and 105 in the high school.

The board is looking to change our Health, Dental and Vision insurance provider from Concordia to a new healthcare provider. The new insurance carrier estimates will reduce our costs by \$100,000. Before we make any change we will ask to meet with a representative from the provider to help us understand the doctor and hospital networks that are in their network. We are confident that all doctors and hospitals in the area are in the network but we want to make confirmation from our new representative. We will meet as a faculty and staff to discuss this transition when it occurs. Darren Reynolds and Terry Lovekamp from Dansig Insurance have assisted in this process.

The board discussed the need to look at what time activities at school end on Wednesday evenings. The goal is to allow students to attend church functions without worrying about conflicts with school activities. The board voted that no practices will be after 6:00pm on Wednesday and no regularly scheduled Sunday practices at all. However, we will continue to participate in tournaments that have games on Wednesday evenings and or Sunday afternoons.

The discussion has begun with the board regarding the renewal of our accreditation. We are planning on going through the process during the spring of 2020, we have two year to complete the process. We will be engaging our board, faculty, students, pastors, and staff in this process. The biggest challenge is formatting our curriculum so that it is consistent K-12. We will be reviewing all of our policies, handbooks, curriculum, and facilities as part of getting ready for this review.

The board approved the tennis Co-Op with Maroa-Forsyth for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 season.

The school truck is no longer safe to drive on the road or for that matter on school property. We will be looking for a new truck that our maintenance staff can use on campus and around town to get things done.

The next board meeting will be November 26, 2018 at 6:00pm in the board room.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Dr. Holmes