

# Zion Christian School Board Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2008

- 1) Opening devotions were led by board president, Craig Baker, by reading Psalm 27: 11-14 and leading in prayer
- 2) Roll Call – Jerry Lobbezoo absent with notice
- 3) The minutes of the January 22, 2008 meeting were read and approved
- 4) Correspondence: None
- 5) Administrator's Report: Jason Heerema
  - a) Many meetings and discussions with supporters and pastors
  - b) Website updates including more pictures, etc.
  - c) New phone system set-up underway
  - d) Several student visits completed
  - e) Open house scheduled and advertised for Thursday, March 13, from 6:30-8:00
  - f) Columbian students continue to do well
  - g) Data conversion of new computer system is in the works with staff training set for the first week of April
  - h) Finishing up newsletter with some enhancements for March distribution
  - i) Fundraising letter going out soon
  - j) Enrollment application has been updated for finance review
  - k) Grandparent information form added to enrollment forms
  - l) New gym rental rates proposed
  - m) Evaluating various ideas for ZCS Transportation including bus purchase options and new pricing structure
  - n) Many other ongoing activities
- 6) Principals Report: No Report
- 7) Committee Reports:
  - B&G** – Evert reporting
    - a) M&S from committee to change the facility rental rates slightly Motion Carried
    - b) Making progress on the kitchen use policy
    - c) M&S from committee to approve the following names for the Kitchen Committee: Sue Postma, Jean Snoeyink, Tammy VanDyke, Gary Veldink, and Vi Wierenga Motion Carried
    - d) A spring outdoor clean-up is scheduled for March 22

**Finance/Treasurer** – Jason reporting

- a) M&S from committee to adopt a FACT's recommendation for tuition for a family  
Motion Carried
- b) M&S from committee to adopt the proposed tuition rates for the next school year:  
Preschool: \$825.00 (no change)  
Kindergarten: \$3,275.00 (3.15% increase)  
Elementary Grades 1-8: \$5,125.00 (3.02% increase)  
High School Grades 9-12: \$5,850.00 (3.08% increase)  
Motion Carried
- c) A proposed Enrollment Development Program Policy was discussed for future consideration
- d) A proposed tuition pre-pay program was discussed for future consideration

**Public Relations** – Craig reporting

Several additional churches were mentioned needing visits. Among them were Free Reformed, Redeemer OPC, First Byron Center CRC, Seventh Reformed, New Hope Reformed Fellowship in Dorr, Dorr CRC, and Covenant Presbyterian in Holland.

**Education** – Ed reporting

**Transportation** – John Reporting

An extensive discussion took place on how and when to upgrade our fleet of 4 buses.

**Personnel/Executive** – Craig reporting

**Long Range Planning** – Craig reporting

A Strategic Planning Meeting with the staff, teachers, the architect (Neale Bauman) and Craig took place on January 29, 2008. The proposed building addition was reviewed and suggestions were made.

- 8) Ongoing Business:
  - a) Plan for tuition scholarships
  - b) Church visiting
  - c) Committee positions to fill: Finance (1)
- 9) New Business:
  - a) A survey of our sports program will go out to the school parents seeking their opinions
- 10) Roundtable:

Due to a lack of interest it was decided to decline the offer of several surrounding Christian schools to enter into a football co-op
- 11) The concept minutes were read and approved
- 12) Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 7:00PM
- 13) M&S to adjourn at 9:52 PM Motion Carried
- 14) Bruce Sterk closed with prayer