

Zion Christian School Board Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2009 @ 7:00 PM

- 1) Opening devotions were led by board president, Craig Baker, by reading from Psalm 138 and leading in prayer. Craig then enthusiastically welcomed our administrator, Jason Heerema, back into the fold as he recovers from his accidental injuries.
- 2) Roll Call: Jon Verduin absent with notice. Administrator, Jason Heerema and Principal, Tom Kwekel present.
- 3) The minutes of the August 11, 2009 board meeting were read and approved.
- 4) Correspondence: None
- 5) Administrator's Report: None
- 6) Principal's Report: Tom Kwekel reporting
 - a) Mike Veurink is doing a wonderful job as janitor
 - b) Our new teachers are off to a great start
 - c) Due to only 2 students enrolled the 3 year old preschool program is merged into the 4 year old program and Melissa DeJong is team teaching with Tammy Miedema
 - d) Julie Groenhof continues to help Tom by teaching his Life Science class
 - e) Logic will be offered next semester
 - f) Tom is working with David Murray from Puritan Seminary on the possibility of developing a whole new distinctly Reformed Bible curriculum for the elementary grades
 - g) We have 37 new students enrolled this year bringing us to a total of 225. We were at 219 last year.
 - h) Student Council elections were held with Sam Ryskamp elected president
 - i) Improvements made to the elementary playground are much appreciated by the staff
 - j) A couples night is planned for September 28
 - k) Michelle Deutschmann will assist Tom again this year in reviewing teachers
 - l) The Byron Center lunch program has been well received
 - m) We have had very few dress code problems
 - n) Our ACT scores are moving up
 - o) Our theme this year, "Running the Race of Faith", has resonated with both teachers and students
- 7) Committee Reports:
 - B&G** – Evert reporting
 - a) The janitorial position has been filled
 - b) The new offices portion of the building project should be completed by Oct. 22
 - c) The new upstairs classrooms should be completed by Nov. 1
 - d) The athletic fields look great thanks in large part to DJ's Lawn Service
 - e) Compass Church is no longer renting our Gym. We are advertising for a new tenant.
 - Finance/Treasurer** – Craig reporting
 - a) A few delinquent tuition accounts were discussed. Calls will be made.
 - b) The FACTS requirements regarding families working at the school were discussed

Public Relations – No report

Education – Ed reporting

M&S from committee to approve Gloria Oosterhouse as an instructor for the Health Class. Motion Carried

Transportation – Jim reporting

a) Things are going well after working through a few route issues

Personnel/Executive – Administrator, Jason Heerema, to be reviewed next month

Long Range Planning – No report

Extra Curricular Music – No report

8) Ongoing Business: Church Visiting

Dutton URC – Bruce and Clint reported on their visit of Sept. 8

Faith URC - Ed and Jim reported on their visit of Sept. 14

Covenant URC - Craig and Jim scheduled to visit Oct. 6

Bethany URC - Evert and Jon scheduled to visit Oct. 12

9) Roundtable:

Comments were made on how grateful we are to the Lord that Jason is able to take up his duties again

10) Due to the late hour the concept minutes were not read and approved

11) Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM

12) M&S to adjourn at 10:45 PM Motion Carried

13) Ed Heerema closed with prayer