

Zion Christian School Board Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2010 @ 7:00 PM

- 1) Opening devotions were led by board president, Craig Baker, by reading from John 15; 9-17, showing a video on a Haiti mission project in light of the devastating earthquake, and leading in prayer.
- 2) Roll Call: Evert Helms and Jason Heerema absent with notice
- 3) The minutes of the November 24, 2009 board meeting were read and approved.
- 4) Correspondence: Ed Heerema was asked to send a thank you letter to Dr. Tony VanGrouw
- 5) Administrator's Report: A few items taken from Jason Heerema's written submission
 - a) Meeting with Barnabas on February 2 to discuss the establishment of a foundation
 - b) Two or three new students will be joining us for the second semester with one leaving
 - c) The tuition aging reports will be sent to board members prior to the board meetings. Board members should consult with finance committee members prior to contacting families.
 - d) The health insurance change has been successfully implemented
 - e) Very few discipline problems this year
 - f) Gym rented out on Sundays thanks to Evert and Craig
 - l) Many facility matters attended to
- 6) Principal's Report: Tom Kwekel reporting
 - a) Mike and Nicki Veurink blessed with a baby girl
 - b) Tammie Miedema and Kellie Westrate will not be coming back next year
 - c) Schedule for the next school year is in the works
 - d) Julie Groenhof is taking her class to the Dave Ramsey program on February 25
 - e) Gloria Oosterhouse is teaching Health this semester
 - f) Work on a new curriculum for the elementary Bible program is moving forward
 - g) Evaluating LES needs for next year and the direction of the program
 - h) Teacher reviews to take place next week with members of the Ed Committee
 - i) Debate scored 2nd in the league and 1st in their division this year
 - j) Very few discipline problems so far this year
- 7) Committee Reports:
 - B&G** – No Report
 - Finance/Treasurer** – Jon reporting
 - a) Delinquent tuition accounts were discussed
 - b) There seems to be an overall improvement in prompt tuition payments
 - c) The proposed budget for next year is coming together
 - d) Several reports handed out
 - Public Relations** – No report
 - Education** – Ed Reporting
 - Transportation** – Jim reporting
 - a) The ZCS Transportation Board is considering replacing bus # 463 for the next school year
 - b) There is a need to have all bus drivers secure an air brake endorsement

- c) The budget was discussed and we are in line so far
- d) Families with large overdue fees will be contacted

Personnel/Executive – No Report

Long Range Planning – No report

Extra Curricular Music – No report

8) Ongoing Business:

a) 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

Bethany URC - Evert and Jon reported on their visit of Oct. 12

Grace URC - Craig & Jim reported on their January visit

Covenant URC - Bruce and either Jim or Clint are scheduled to visit on Feb. 2

Others to be scheduled: Bethel URC; Cornerstone URC; Harvest OPC;

Messiah Independent; Covenant PCA; Cedar OPC; Redeemer OPC

b) The Extra Curricular Survey needs to be compiled

c) The Board Policy Manual Mandates need to be updated

9) New Business:

Board Nominations

10) Roundtable:

a) We need to know what young families are reaching the years of determining schooling options for their children, allowing us to recruit. We need “ambassadors” in all our churches feeding this information to our recruiting staff.

b) A discussion was held on the reasons why we might want to join the ‘World Reformed Fellowship’. It will be on the agenda for the next board meeting.

c) Evert Helms had successful knee replacement surgery

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

12) Next Meeting - Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 7:00 PM

13) M&S to adjourn at 10:05 PM Motion Carried

14) Jim VanBeek closed with prayer.