

Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 26, 2020- 7:00 pm  
Elementary Music/Media Center (MMC)

**School Board Members Present:** Christine Van Woudenberg, Alden Highstreet, Mark Tos, Donna Westra, Don De Jonge, Jillian Bos, Scott Kostelyk, Nathan Heeringa, Jeanette Callison, Eric Westra, George Wilgenburg

**Administrators Present:** Larry Baker, Nathaniel Neese, Blake Hiemstra, Krista Wright

**Absent with Notification:** Ron Locke, Frank Leyendekker, Dane Moll

There were roughly 35 visitors present.

- I. Christine called the meeting to order.
  - A. Donna opened with devotions and prayer, reminding us to be thankful in all circumstances.
  - B. Executive session was called by Alden, seconded, and approved to take place at the end of the meeting.
- II. Alden made a motion to approve the minutes from September 28, 2020 meeting. Scott seconded the motion, all approved.
- III. Old Business- Wine will be limited to one bottle per table at the fundraising dinner at Koetsier Ranch.
- IV. Correspondence was noted. Christine thanked everyone for their letters and highlighted some of the concerns or main points of the letters. She stated that Executive Committee was going to look at an option to allow some people to voice their concerns and/or opinions.
- V. Board visitors reports and assignments:
  - A. Nathan reported on his early morning elementary campus visit, Ron's report focused on his lunch and conversation with Case Brower, and Jeanette reported on her high school campus visit and experience with Day Camp.
  - B. New assignments for November: Elem: Don De Jonge, M.S: Jillian Bos, High School: Alden Highstreet
- VI. Superintendent's Report: Larry's report was there for us to review. He also shared a conversation that he had with Staci Chastain at the Tulare County Health Department. At this time, Larry and the Tulare County Health Department recommend that we do not approve of adding more students on the high school campus.
- VII. Admissions/Marketing report: Was included for our review. Current number of K-12 students is 870.
- VIII. Director of Human Resources report was there for our review.
- IX. Campus Reports- Education Committee and Principal
  - A. Elementary/Preschool:
    - i. Nathaniel reported how changes that have been made have resulted in positive changes for students and school. The way hot lunch is done is efficient and keeps students from waiting in long lines. Class cohorts and playground zones have made it nice for new students to get connected with other students.
    - ii. Donna reiterated that the organization of recess and lunch has been awesome. Teachers are thankful to Than for his work in organizing this. **Donna made a motion that we discontinue the Independent Learning Program at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester.** The motion was seconded. The motion passed.
    - iii. Jeanette reported that the preschool had a successful fundraiser. She talked about the metrics for masks. She was asked to add the topic of masks to their November meeting after receiving a letter that was signed by almost 40 parents.
  - B. Middle School:
    - i. Blake reported that live days are going great. Motivation is lacking, however, for some students on distance learning days. He reported that recreation time has been a positive addition and that with the uniqueness of this year, the teachers and staff are trying to really focus on what is essential.
    - ii. Jeanette reported on a positive middle school education meeting.

C. High School:

- i. Krista announced the need for a new long term sub for Jodi Houseward because the scheduled sub had an opportunity to take another job. She reported that Ryan Bleeker and Danae Westra had advanced to the top three in the Nation for their Agri-Science fair project. She read a statement saying that if the board wanted to move the high school to two days a week, that even though she cannot make the recommendation, she would implement the board's motion with fidelity, positivity, and she would make sure that it was done well.
  - a. **Nathan made a motion to get the High School back on campus two days a week, under camp guidelines, starting next Monday.** The motion was seconded, there was discussion, the motion passed, which will result in 60 more students on the high school campus.
  - b. **Don made a motion to have High School Education committee and Middle School education committee explore options of expanding learning under the camp model.** The motion was seconded. There was discussion, the motion passed.
  - c. **Jillian made a motion that when we hit the red tier we open immediately.** Eric seconded the motion, there was discussion, the motion passed.
- ii. Scott praised Krista for her work, reminding the board of the tough and difficult position that she is in. He also stated how proud he was of Steve Annema and the fact that more than 80% of our High School students were involved with sports.
- iii. Ag Boosters did not have any new business.
- iv. Ag Advisory is looking for people to fill open positions. A requirement for the positions is that they cannot have a current Ag. student. Eric asked about the matching gift program with L.O.L. and wanted to make sure that dairy families would take advantage of this program.

X. Standing/Auxiliary Committee Reports

- A. Executive: Christine highlighted that the November meeting would be at 7pm since there will not be a Christmas Parade this year.
- B. Finance: Mark reported that the Finance committee recommends that the school remain with Blue Cross of CA while being required to move to a small group program. They will work on budget preparations for the 21/22 school year at their November meeting.
- C. Building and Grounds minutes were there for review.
- D. Technology: Scott reported thanks for all of Ben Houseward's work with all of the technology.
- E. Fundraising Meeting Summary Report: Nathan reported a strong group of planners for "The Best is Yet to Come" dinner. The committee began work on the Fall Drive and there is discussion about beginning a "Nut Drive."
- F. Promotions: The committee recommends to change some of the wording in the policy manual to encompass the work of the committee better. These changes can be made when the policy manual is updated.
- G. Mother's Club did not meet.
- H. Athletic Booster's Club did not meet. They are planning to meet in November.
- I. Endowment did not meet. The Monthly Barnabas report was there for review.
- J. Superintendent Search Team is looking forward to interviewing candidates in November. They are committed to finding a candidate that the whole team is excited about, but have found some difficulty due to the role that COVID is having on schools all over. An interim candidate is an option if the right person is not found, but the committee is committed to the search at this time.

XI. New Business:

- A. Christine asked a question about how we are going to handle re-admittance of families that have pulled students out of CVC for this first semester. The discussion was tabled and passed on for the executive committee to discuss at their next meeting.
- B. Fall Drive directions were given for calling families.

- C. A discussion of Chapter 2, Doing Things Better was led by Alden Highstreet.XIV. Christine closed the meeting in prayer at 9:00.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Frank Leyendekker will provide devotions and refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Westra