

Rock County Christian School
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2012

Board members present: Marc Grindle, Linda Ross, Jackie Borgwardt, Wendy Champlin, Matt Finnegan and Bill Muether. Absent: Gary Builta.

Staff members present: Tim Befus, Bob Cerniglia and Linda Hutson.

Guests: Patricia Muether and her father, Bill. Patty was recognized as Student of the Month for September. Also present were Zachary Champlin and his parents, Jess and Wendy. Zac was recognized as RCCS Student of the Month for October.

Linda R. lead devotions from Nehemiah 11:1-2. Leadership involves sacrifice as exemplified by Christ's death on the cross. Linda opened the meeting with prayer.

Bill made a motion to approve the September school board minutes as amended. Wendy seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

The following parents were present to express their opposition to the coordinated dress proposal for grades K-12: Brian and Charisse Black, Monica Vander Kooi, Kris McMahon and Lynette Thorp. The new policy was presented to parents at last week's Fall Association Meeting. The parents expressed reasons for their differences with the biggest being cost and the administration and board explained why the new policy was being considered beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Studies on the advantages of a coordinated dress policy show that peer pressures diminish, school discipline is instilled and student grades improve. Discussions by the administration with schools that have adopted uniform dress policies reveal that many parents who were initially resistant tend to the change their views over time. Following the discussion, it was explained by the board that a second vote is required per the school constitution when there is a policy change and this will occur at the December meeting. First vote at the September board meeting was unanimous in favor for the new dress policy. In the meantime, parents can contact board members to express reasons for their opposition.

Mr. Befus presented the following in his Administrator's Report:

- Fall Association Meeting not well attended. 18 parents, 16 staff and 5 board members were in attendance.
- Good turnout for Grandparent's Day at the Janesville campus.
- Faculty agreed the recent teacher convention/in-service day in Neenah was valuable to the staff. Reinforcement of Christian education ideas and establishment of good relationships were beneficial topics.
- New students coming in January from China (1) and Costa Rica (2-3).
- Fall Festival is October 26th.
- Fall Sports Awards Night is November 1. This was changed from November 6th (Election Day).
- November 3rd is the date for the Bowlathon.
- November 8-9 are the dates for Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- School's financial outlook is looking a little better. The deficit for the school year may not be \$5.2K as was projected due to a slight increase in enrollment.

The following team reports were presented:

Academic Excellence – Team met October 24th and the following were discussed. No fall clubs this school year. With sports in full swing, focus will be on establishing clubs in the spring. Bible curriculum review is scheduled for this year. Books are to be ordered. Writing plans being developed to assess how well students are progressing in the elementary school and will be incorporated with the common core standards. There will be no AP math class this spring. Plan is to offer standard high school calculus instead and offer an AP course next fall. The teacher convention/in-service was beneficial to all. Committee will continue to explore cross-curricular teaching that provides students the opportunities to apply knowledge, principles, and values to more than one academic subject simultaneously. For instance, a student might formulate a deeper understanding of Civil War history by interpreting literature written by a novelist of that time. Work on the ACSI Standards continues.

Spiritual Maturity – Team met October 17th. Daily prayer and devotions at school for students is progressing well. Team is looking to form a list at both campuses of families without strong church connections and help them connect with a church. Devotional materials were provided to athletic coaches. Mr. Befus will check with athletic directors to assure the coaches are praying with their teams and offering devotions. Monthly encouragement and support for our mentors are needed. A “spiritual boost” activity is being planned for teachers in January. Team is working on Spiritual Emphasis Week. Classes are working on their community service projects. A senior class banner is planned highlighting 1 Thessalonians 5:11. Next meeting scheduled for November 15th at the Beloit campus.

Godly Stewardship – Team met October 3rd. Work on the buildings continues. High School gym door will be repaired. Grant writing continues for building insulation and updated technology. Next meeting scheduled for November 1st.

Community Relations – Did not meet this month. Team plans to meet next week.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Board revised the new dress policy which can be found on the school website.

Next meeting scheduled for November 26th

Linda R. motioned to move to the executive portion of the meeting. Marc seconded. Motion passed.