

Rock County Christian School
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2012

Board members present: Marc Grindle, Linda Ross, Jackie Borgwardt, Gary Bulta, Matt Finnegan and Bill Muether.

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

1. Marc began the meeting with prayer.
2. There was no Student of the Month for December.
3. Linda R. motioned to approve the November school board minutes as amended and Gary seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
4. First item of business was the second vote for the proposed coordinated dress policy. First vote occurred at the October meeting which was unanimous in favor of adopting the new dress code beginning with the upcoming school year. Any change in school policy requires two separate votes by the school board as required by the school constitution.

Two visitors, Mr. Randy Zweig and Mrs. Janet Befus, were present at the meeting to present their views before the board on the proposed dress code. Following this, they were excused and the board discussed the proposal prior to the vote. A motion was made to approve the proposed coordinated dress and was seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. School updates were provided by the principals. Mr. Cerniglia reported that the bowling party was a success and everyone had a great time. Comments were made to the faculty about how well behaved the students were. A strong sense of school spirit was apparent during the entire event. Mrs. Hutson reported on recent activity at the Janesville campus. The students enjoyed the weekly chapel just before Christmas break that was similar to the December 14th Christmas program. Afterwards, students sang Christmas carols at a local nursing home. The Christmas program at the Family Worship Center in Beloit was well attended and enjoyed by all who attended with refreshments and fellowship afterwards. An offering taken for faculty/staff was very generous and much appreciated.

6. Mr. Befus presented the following in his Administrator's Report:
 - \$50K grant was awarded for the parking lot pavement and landscaping project at the Janesville campus. \$22K is still needed.
 - Five foreign students will arrive in January. One host family is still needed.
 - Budget outlook for this school year is projected to break even.
 - Theme for the 2013-14 school year is "Steppin' Up" based on Micah 6:8.
 - School will have an early start this fall so that semester exams can be completed before Christmas break. .

The following team reports were presented:

Academic Excellence – Team met Dec. 5th. Bible curriculum review is underway. Books from publishers will be ordered shortly. Mr. Thompson discussed his plans to revise his Systematic Theology course. He intends to use “Christian Beliefs” by Wayne Gruden and “Understanding the Times” by David Noebel, a book about the most popular world views of our day. His class will emphasize the importance of defending our faith and evangelism. No AP Math class this spring primarily due to lack of students. Intent is to offer the class this fall. No word yet on the grant for a new smart board. Next meeting scheduled for Jan. 9th.

Spiritual Maturity – No report. Team did not meet in December.

Godly Stewardship – Team has been working with Mr. Befus on next year’s school budget. Next month, team will devote time to the 2013 school banquet.

Community Relations – Team met Dec. 6th. Team discussed how to better promote the school in local newspapers. Also discussed was next year’s Pastor Appreciation Day where a calendar and sign-up sheet will be on-hand to schedule visits by the team to local churches to showcase the school. The possibility of another alumni luncheon was discussed. On Dec. 19th, the team will greet parents as they drop off their children at school to personally thank them for their support. Christmas cards, bottled water and candy canes will be passed out. Beloit Christmas parade was not well attended by the community or the school probably partly because of the weather. A question was asked why the parade is always scheduled the day after Thanksgiving, traditionally the busiest shopping day of the year. Team discussed if we should continue supporting this event in the future. Team delivered December’s Church Appreciation Award to Christ Presbyterian Church in Janesville. The Business Appreciation Award for December went to Prairie Avenue Concrete. Next month’s award will go to Hope Free Church and Pinnon Markets.

Old Business: Proposed coordinated dress code was approved. Information about the new code can be found on the school website.

New Business: Board decided to wait to fill Wendy Champlin’s position until elections at the Spring Association meeting. Mr. Befus briefed the board on the “crisis plan” for both campuses. Budget for the upcoming school year to be reviewed and discussed at the executive session as well as next school year’s Family Handbook and calendar.

At this point in the meeting, a motion was made and approved to move to the executive session. Due to confidentiality of matters discussed, executive minutes are reported separately and are not posted to the school website.