

Rock County Christian School
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2013

Present: Tim Befus, Phil Allen, Linda Ross, Jackie Borgwardt, Gary Bulta, Matt Finnegan, Bryan Potts and Bill Muether.

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

1. Bill read from Deuteronomy 6:5-9 and Psalm 78:3-7 and discussed the importance of Christian education. The primary role of a Christian school is to support parents in their Biblical responsibilities to raise their children in accordance with God's Word. Given these difficult economic times, affording tuition is more difficult than ever. However, we can't afford not to educate our children from a Christian worldview. The world is riddled with fiscal and moral problems and it is more important now to educate our children with a thoroughly Christian mindset so that someday they can be the generation that can bring about godly change.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve the July 8th school board retreat minutes as amended. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
3. School updates were provided by the principals. Mrs. Hutson reported that the Janesville campus is off to a great start. Lots of enthusiasm was demonstrated during yesterday's chapel. Mr. Cerniglia reported the same for the Beloit campus. Special note was made that the international students account for 12% of total enrollment at the Beloit campus. He mentioned that the retreat is scheduled for next week. He also made note that the students look sharp in their coordinated dress.
4. Mr. Befus presented the following in his Administrator's Report:
 - Total number of international students so far this year is 10. Orientation for them was last Saturday, followed by an outing at the Dells.
 - Parent Night was well attended at the Janesville campus. Not so well at the Beloit campus.
 - 29 vouchers were granted. One was refused, one was denied and one more added.
 - Senior class pancake fundraiser at Applebees is September 14th.
 - Bowlathon is September 28th.
 - As part of the voucher program, RCCS must be fully accredited by a state recognized accrediting agency within three years and the school must decide by December who will perform the accreditation. The Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools (WCRIS) is being considered. Our school has been working toward accreditation with ACSI the past five years but this organization is currently not recognized as an accreditation agency by the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.
 - School will allow gray shirts to the coordinated dress policy. Following a motion, the board approved the change.
5. The following team reports were presented:

Academic Excellence – Team met July 24th. Linda Hutson reported on the summer teacher's conference. Nine faculty/staff members attended and it was very informative. Dr. Marcia Tate spoke on her book "Worksheets don't Grow Dendrites: 20 Instructional Strategies that Engage the Brain". Another very useful session involved discussion about teaching and evaluation and what teachers need to know. These topics will be discussed at the upcoming teacher in-service day in addition to Steve Bulta, who will speak on technology for teaching. Two AP classes planned for next year: writing and calculus. Changes for curriculum review were discussed. Sherry Holcomb

has done graduate work in this area and will bring her ideas to the team. Practical Biblical application is important in these assessments. Standards-based cross curricular integration is also important. It was mentioned that the science common core standards were just released. The Janesville Gazette recently published an article about our student ACT scores which are above the national/state average. Math curriculum review is scheduled for the upcoming school year. Next meeting scheduled for September 11th.

Spiritual Maturity – Team met September 4th. Team overall objectives for the new school year were discussed. These include: Promote prayer for our school; oversee and help provide mission/service opportunities; support our chapel programs; help discover ways to build strong, God pleasing in-school relationships, including one-on-one mentoring relationships; remind, strengthen, and encourage faculty to teach all subjects from a Christ-centered Biblical worldview; and encourage the development of each student's own personal faith in Christ. Long range goals include the following: Daily prayer and devotions by all students and encourage parents to do the same; healthy mentoring and discipleship program that involves all MS/HS students; all students understand and defend the basic tenants of the Christian faith; provide a minimum of four yearly opportunities for faculty to experience spiritual growth, enabling them to disciple students more effectively; all school families actively involved in a local church; and athletic program that honors the Lord. A room will be used at the Fall Festival on November 1 to conduct prayer and a SM team member will be present at all times. Team encourages prayer that effective mentor relationships occur for the international students. Community service projects list to be provided shortly. Costa Rica mission trip will be in June 2014. Fundraising breakfast scheduled for October 12th at Applebees. A blog will be used for daily devotions. Next meeting is scheduled for October 9th.

Godly Stewardship – Team is looking for four major donors. Plans are underway for a golf outing. Team is exploring a grant opportunity to pave the Beloit campus parking lot. Participants needed for the Bowlathon scheduled for October 28th. School Banquet has been scheduled for March 6th.

Community Relations – Gary reported on the team's activities. This year, the team will focus on area youth pastors for the Pastor of the Month Awards. September's award went to Mike Powers, the youth pastor at Faith Community Church in Janesville. Ace Hardware in Beloit was Business of the Month for September. Good participation by the school was reported for the Janesville Labor Day parade. A "Back to School Bash" by Wesleyan Church in Janesville was well attended and three families expressed interest in RCCS. Team continues to provide local news media with information regarding school events. Church visits will begin soon. Team will be more active at community after-hours business meetings.

6. Old Business: None.

7. New Business: School constitution needs amending. Tim and Phil will review and revise as necessary for board approval prior to the required formal vote for ratification by school association members at the upcoming fall meeting. Association members will receive the revised constitution two weeks prior to the vote for their review and consideration.

8. Next board meeting scheduled for October 10th at 6:30 PM (Beloit campus).

9. 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.