

**Rock County Christian School
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2017**

Board members present: Phil Allen, Josh Enderle, Matt Finnegan, Julie Hausser, Andy Carroll, Jon Urish, Brad Molander

Staff members present: Barb Waldner, Bob Cerniglia, Tim Befus and Janet Befus

Student of the month: Zachary Molander. Senior class president, has been on mission trips, is in the Leadership class, leads a small group, a mentor. He has grown and matured and is the November student of the month.

Opened in prayer. Secretaries reports: Jon moved to accept the two months of minutes. Julie seconded. Minutes were accepted.

Barb: ACSI conference was attended and the staff felt it was very helpful to them. Kindergarten has gone to Skelly's and 5th grade has gone to Timberlee for field trips. We had the fall carnival at the Janesville campus which was well attended. Parent teacher conferences were well attended. Grandparent's day is Friday.

Bob: Our Juniors went to a college fair. We have had a few college reps here. There was a question about unaccredited institutions visiting RCCS (in this case, specific to PCC). We let the parents of any students considering unaccredited institutions know there may be some potential hazards in pursuing a degree from an unaccredited school. Service projects went well. One of the homeowners gave a donation. Conferences were well attended here, too.

Moved to executive session.

Out of executive: enrollment is dropping to below 200. We have 8 Costa Ricans coming in January. Pie day: made 1966. We still have about 250 to sell. We have netted \$14,000 so far. Grandparents day is Friday. Thanksgiving break is next. The next service project is for churches. We are going to host our first basketball tournament on Dec. 2. Our finances are dipping lower due to loss of students. Still dealing with leaks in the gym and hallway. There is heat in this building. We have more students that have special needs. We need to hire someone to work with those with special needs. We are looking for someone with a degree in Special Ed. to help the students and teachers. We have a few ads out. We have had one candidate that is perfect for the position, but he comes from England.

Academic Excellence: We talked about offering summer school. There are 7 or 8 teachers interested. There haven't been families expressing interest yet. Vouchers will pay for summer school. Matt asked if it can be required of some students. Summer school is usually to catch students up, or it could be an enrichment type course such as photography. Andy asked what would be offered. Tim suggested reading and math. Tim wanted to start small and build as we go. We wouldn't get state fund for things like photography. We are still just putting feelers out there about summer school. The robotics club had about 10 kids interested and is starting this Thursday. We are interested in bringing in a speaker for the teacher in-service in the spring.

Spiritual Maturity: The March family conference planning is coming along. We have Todd Pope as the main speaker. Brad put in a plug for mentoring saying it is a good experience. We have done a book review, a movie review, and a blog. We also name a church of the month.

Godly Stewardship: Next month will begin working on the banquet which will be on a Friday this year. Our goal is a hundred. We sold the old bus for \$2500 and purchased a new bus with a grant. Still working on the heat in this building. The thermostats are not in yet. Our surplus is a bit lower than anticipated. We talked about projects for next year, such as the hallway, air conditioning in the gym, new windows, a new camera for the new gym so it can be projected in the old gym for people while using concessions. We have borrowed \$50,000 for the gym so far.

Community Relations: We sold pies at the farmer's market. Julie's been working on the 5k walk in May. The Boys and Girls Club and the RCCS Costa Rica Mission Trip will be the beneficiaries of any net proceeds made from the race. Mentor of the month was Phil Allen. The newsletter was sent out. When talking to new families, and they seemed to be happy.

New Business:

Booster Club- Tim needs to know what is going on with the Booster Club. Jon said he thought they were getting together to talk about the structure of the booster club. Tim had told them that the money had to stay under the school umbrella. Tim said he sees things in their by laws that are concerning. Jon said he thought the booster club was under the umbrella of the school. Jon said the by-laws came from Beloit Turner's by laws. Bob asked what the Booster Club sees is the need to exist that isn't being met now. Jon says it is an outside source to get kids excited about sports and get others interested. Tim said that Jordan said the group talked about bigger issues that weren't part of the booster club. Tim asked what those issues were. Tim felt that the booster club doesn't want to work with the head of school. Tim asked what was brought up that was negative. Andy said that they were told that it was this way or not at all. Andy said they want to see concessions be more consistent. Tim said he doesn't understand why the money has to be separate. Andy doesn't want to see it be a separate entity and have everyone work together on it. Bob said the booster club doesn't appear to be a partnership. Bob said he senses there is a group of parents wanting to operate separately. Matt said that public schools' booster clubs have to run separately and cannot be used to set up our system. Bob said we need the parent help. Tim has told them that any money raised would be set aside so that the booster club could decide what to do. The other issue is if they will respect the authority of the school. Tim wants to know if the by-laws are going to be recognized by the board and if they will submit to the authority of the head of school. Phil said they cannot not report to the head of school. Phil said it is not the model of the board to have a club report to the board. Phil asked if Jon and Andy sensed a motivation of distrust of how money is handled. Jon said that they don't think "partnering" means they have a voice. Phil asked if there needs to be a disciplined differentiation of budgets. School budget that pays for equipment, refs, coaches and the booster club pays for "extras". Tim said he has always talked to the athletic director to find out what their needs are. Tim asked if we are wanting to departmentalize everything and create "budgets" for each departments. Matt said we don't want to wear out the same people. Janet said that the procedures for putting volunteers in place and the booster club has not gone through those procedures. Phil said it is becoming a board question: where does the authority to adopt by-laws come from? Tim said he told them they could use the tournaments to raise money. Jon sensed that they were worried the school would take their monies to pay the athletic deficits. Phil said that if they voted on by-laws, it means nothing because the board would not recognize those by-laws. Is there a larger board policy here that needs to be spelled out? Matt suggested also that all other groups making money answer to the administrator. Tim asked if there were any issues with him and asked them to tell him. Phil asked Jon to talk to Steve and tell him to make the booster club meeting when Tim can be there.

Next meeting: Monday, December 11th at 6pm.
Matt moves to adjourn. Andy seconded.