

Community Christian School Board
Minutes - Nov. 14, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Community Christian School Board meeting was held on November 14, 2011 at the school. Board President Sean McCracken called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. In attendance: Board members Kevin Woodward, Gil Watkins, Levi Umble, Sean McCracken, and Marty Mc Andrew; Administrator Chris Geary; Brad Grote, ex-officio member of the Foundation, and Jenise Staman, and Robert and Sharon Rairigh, patrons.

1. Agenda - Motion to approve amended agenda by Umble, seconded by Watkins. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

2. Pledges – The Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Christian flag were recited.

3. Devotions by Gil Watkins. In Philippians, Paul is writing about the joy that believers have which is a profound contentment and peace. Joy is based on knowing Christ personally. We depend on the strength that Christ has as opposed to the strength that we have.

Phil. 2:1-11. Paul wrote with concern that the believers in Philippi conduct their affairs with unity and purpose. CCS is a very diverse group; various nationalities, socio-economic levels, and religious backgrounds.

This effort of ours is a missionary effort to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ. That is what our focus ought to be on.

Devotions for December's meeting will be given by Marty Mc Andrew.

4. Secretary's report - Motion to accept the secretary's report with corrections by Woodward and seconded by Watkins. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

5. Treasurer's report - Motion to accept the report by Watkins and seconded by Woodward. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

6. Approve of bills - Motion to approve made by Umble and seconded by Woodward. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

7. Administrator's report: ACSI has determined that all ACSI schools will give the Terra Nova 3 assessment. The Terra Nova 3 is a national achievement test. Gering Public Schools also administers the Terra Nova 3. Our students will take the test in April.

Karen Valdes and the staff did a great job on Friday with the Veterans Day program.

Mr. Geary conducted alumni surveys. The information indicated a couple of trends. The students do not feel prepared well socially. They also feel at a disadvantage in science. The comments will be compiled and sent to the board members.

Boys basketball season may need to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers of students interested in playing. Discussion ensued on whether fifth graders should be allowed to play junior high sports and to what extent. Mc Andrew expressed concern that fifth graders were developmentally behind junior high students physically. Watkins suggested that the well being of the athletes be left to the discretion of the coach and parents.

8. Umble made the motion to allow fifth graders to practice and play in games at the discretion of the parents and coach with the directive to the coach that only junior high players can start, if available. Playing time will be proportionate to practice and effort at the coach's discretion for this season only. Seconded by Watkins. 4 Ayes; McCracken, Woodard, Umble, and Watkins. 1 Nay, McAndrew.

9. Umble made the motion to replace a fourth graders' cell phone with a phone of comparable value, and to change the policy addressing control, responsibility, and security of student cell phones. Seconded by Watkins. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

10. Patron Comments: Jenise Staman attended a Region 1 gathering for her school for Red Ribbon Week. She wondered if we had a curriculum for drug and alcohol prevention and told us that free materials were available that could be used to educate students. Mrs. Staman also stated that the materials may be of use in helping CCS graduates to be more socially prepared for high school. The Board and Mr. Geary agreed to make free resources from Region 1 office available to the staff.

Old Business:

1. Cultural Exchange Policy: A delegation of students from Urumqi, China may come to CCS next term. The board members will report to Mr. Geary by Tuesday the 22nd to inform him of what each has learned of prospective host families for the China delegation.
2. Roger Lane Conference Call: We received a phone call from Roger Lane. He reported that people have indicated support in the range of \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00. Everyone that he has interviewed has been so positive. We definitely have a campaign for the land. He believes that we can certainly raise the money for the land. If we could take our interviews seriously, it will be very important. Sit down with people at the kitchen table with both decision makers there. Get it done in the next two weeks. There is a spiritual warfare around things like this. Prayer support is crucial.
3. New Family Surveys: Each board member chose from a list of names to contact and offer help by January 1st.

New Business:

1. Allo Communications Phone Bid. Mr. Geary directed to pursue a bid by Allo company with a request that we be given at least a two-year price guarantee.
2. City of Gering asked if we would be interested in having their event center on our 35 acres? The board has directed Mr. Geary to talk with them and let them

- know that we are open to enter into discussion with the city of Gering regarding an event center on the property that we are purchasing.
3. Love and Logic Training from Jim Fay: Kristi Hughes would come and do the training for teachers and parents at the school and maybe send home monthly news letters, prescreened by the administrator.
 4. Miss America event: Feb. 26th, Miss America will be doing a fundraiser for CCS. It would be on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012 at the Gering Civic Center.
 5. Lunch Servers: If any parent serves, they get free childcare and lunch that day. During our new parent surveys, we will ask for volunteers to serve lunch.

Executive Session:

9:17 P.M. motion by Woodward to enter into executive session. Seconded by Watkins. 5 Ayes.

We exited the executive session at 9:25 P.M. Motion by Umble, seconded by Watkins. 5 Ayes.

Nothing was decided in executive session.

Motion to adjourn by Woodward, seconded by McCracken at 9:26 P.M. 5 Ayes.

Next Board Meeting: December 12, 2011

Martin McAndrew
Board Secretary