

Lynden Christian Schools Society Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2020-7:00 pm
Zoom

111 society members signed in as present

1. Board president Bryan VanLoo welcomed society members and called the meeting to order. He apologized for meeting later than the normal timeline.
2. Board member Jon DeJong led in devotions. In this time of being separated by distance and meeting via the internet, we miss out on subtle cues; distance makes the bond difficult. Romans 8 – He gave up his son for us all; who shall separate us from the love of God? God’s presence is always available to us. “The God of hope will fill us with all joy and hope”. Lynden Christian’s roots grow deep in the promises of God’s grace.
3. Board secretary Michael TerBeek read the minutes of the March 19, 2019 society meeting. **MSC to accept the minutes as presented.**
4. Superintendent Paul Bootsma: Thank God for being with us throughout the year but especially through the last three months. We celebrate students working through difficulties. A big thank you to teachers and staff for their dedication, and to families and the surrounding community for support. So where are we going? We trust in God’s providence for LCS. The overarching goal is to be as safe as possible; we are focused on 1) Belonging 2) Learning 3) Sustaining. There is a cross-functional team working on the Return to Learn Roadmap in these areas: 1) Teaching/Learning 2) Technology 3) Wellness 4) Operations 5) Facilities. To voice your concerns at the state level, reach out to WFIS (Washington Federation of Independent Schools) which has access to the OSPI and governor offices.
5. Board vice president Dan Gibson presented proposed Constitutional Changes: Article IV – Society Membership
 - Original Wording
 - (a) All who are in agreement with Article II of the Constitution shall be eligible for membership in the Society, the fee to be decided upon by the Society. Payment of the tuition applies toward membership. Other persons eighteen years or over shall be accepted upon payment of their fees.
 - (b) Membership includes the privilege of voting at the meetings of the Society as well as readiness to participate in activities on behalf of the school.
 - Current Wording – Approved March 2019
 - (a) All who are in agreement with Article II of the Constitution and are at least 18 years of age and who contribute time, treasure, or tuition are eligible for membership in the Society. Additionally, all employees are eligible to be society members.
 - (b) (no change)
 - Proposed New Wording – Presented June 2020 for Approval
 - (a) All who (1) recognize and accept that Article II of the Constitution states the basis of the Society and that such basis together with the principles set forth in that article shall govern the instruction provided by the schools established by this Society, and who further (2) affirm the truth of the Christian faith as summarized in the Apostles’ Creed, (3) accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the infallible Word of God, (4) are at least 18 years of age, and (5) contribute time, treasure, or tuition to the schools operated by this Society, shall be eligible for membership in the society. Any fee that is imposed as a condition of membership shall be decided upon by the Society. Payment of tuition applies toward any such membership fee. Other persons who fulfill the foregoing requirements for Society membership shall be accepted upon payment of fees, if any, decided upon by the Society.
 - **MSC to approve the “Proposed New Wording” as presented above.**

6. Board vice president Dan Gibson explained the Board Nomination Committee selection process. Given that the annual meeting has been postponed to such a late date and likely will still involve a fair number of people participating from remote locations, which makes nominating and selecting people difficult if not impossible, the Board decided to proceed by asking persons previously selected by the society for this task within the past couple of years. The committee consists of five board members and five society members.
 - Retiring board members: Dale VanRooyen, Frank DeVries, and Michael TerBeek
 - Current board members: Dan Gibson and Becky Bos
 - Society members: Carole Maberry, Jenny Meenderinck, Kevin Pawlowski, Stephanie Parreira, and Dan VanderKooi
 - **MSC to approve the process as presented.**

7. Board president Bryan VanLoo explained that a Campus Site Planning team has been working to make an overall long-term plan for LCS property. The school board approved the creation of a separate property acquisition organization called 1910 Properties. This will function as a separate board but with LC School Board representation.

8. Board treasurer Josh Levien gave an overview of the annual budget building process – asking questions and focusing on being faithful stewards. Josh presented the 2020-2021 budget; items highlighted were:
 - 3.0% increase in tuition
 - \$250,000 COVID relief fund
 - Budgeting for a reduction of 50 students
 - Increase of \$70,000 every year due to CSI pension shortfall
 - Medical insurance premiums increased 5.0%
 - Wage increase of 1% (we will revisit this once we have true enrollment numbers this fall)
 - Ability to “opt out” of the 3% tuition increase
 - **MSC to approve the 2020-2021 budget as presented**

9. Board vice president Dan Gibson closed in prayer.