

Lynden Christian Board of Directors Summary—Sept. 8, 2020

James Ogle led the board and administration in the installation of the new board members: Darren Johnson, Mike Smit, and Kathryn VanWeerdhuizen. We were encouraged by selected “I believe” statements from the Belgic Confession and challenged to be courageous in standing up for the gospel and following God’s leading.

Bryan VanLoo led us in devotions using Matt. 25:21 – “Well done, good and faithful servant!” Questions to answer are: When do we know if we have succeeded? Did we do our best? Did we leave it all “on the field?” Have we been open to God’s direction? We watched a video of Rick Rigsby, Lessons from a Third Grade Dropout. We were challenged with these truths on excellence: it should be habit, not an act; it is a mindset, every day with God’s help; it reveals our character, which we desire to reflect that of Jesus.

Board members shared the following reasons for celebration. After many long hours and hard work, LC was able to start in person. We welcome our new families and rejoice with them in providing “in person” Christian education for their children. The LC administration and staff have been thorough in following and implementing coronavirus-related protocols. Students are excited to be back in school and are compliant with the masks, distancing, etc. The feeling is, “We get to do this, so will follow the guidelines.” We are thankful for the positive Lynden Tribune article.

Election of Board Officers resulted in:

- A. President: Bryan VanLoo
- B. Vice President: Jon DeJong
- C. Treasure: Josh Levien
- D. Secretary: Winerva Kramer
- E. Asst. Treasurer: Leonard Smit
- F. Asst. Secretary: Kathryn Van Weerdhuizen

Board members voiced their appreciation to retiring Frank DeVries, Michael TerBeek, and Dale VanRooyen. These men have selflessly given their time, abilities, and passions in serving our school and ultimately the Kingdom of God. “Well done, faithful servants!”

Superintendent Paul Bootsma shared celebrations for “in person” school: the sweet sound of student voices, summer work and preparations becoming a reality, and willing staff/student compliance to county and state guidelines. He also expressed the reality of extra workload for teachers in presenting lessons both in the classroom and online each day. We do celebrate God’s goodness and faithfulness!

As a board, we are incredibly grateful to all the administration and staff who went “over and above” to make Sept. 1 (and each day after) a reality.

The meeting was closed with prayer.