

Meeting Minutes for

**Lynden Christian School Board**

Jon DeJong, Chairman; Mike Smit, Secretary

Feb. 7, 2022 – 7:00 pm

LC High School Library

- I. Present: Jon DeJong, Kathryn Van Weerdhuizen, Leonard Smit, Brian Kooiker, Becky Bos, Lori TeVelde, TJ Mellema, Dan Gibson, Derek DeKoster, Darren Johnson, Lisa Kramer, Mike Smit  
Absent: None
  
- II. Call to order
  - a. Lisa Kramer led us with devotions
  - b. Board members shared celebrations and concerns.
  - c. Approval of consent agenda – Previous board minutes, Finance Committee, Tuition Accounts Committee, Transportation Committee if applicable, Building & Grounds, Education Committee, and Executive Committee minutes (includes board nomination process); plus Administrator Reports (as applicable)
  - d. Requested additions/changes:
    - i. Separate discussion on prayer.

**Jon asked for approval of consent agenda with items noted - Motion carried by voice vote.**
  
- III. Finance Committee – 2022-23 General Fund Budget Proposal
  - a. Discussion was held on the budget presented by Finance Committee. **Action: Jon asked for approval of 2022-23 budget – M-S-P.**
  
- IV. March Society Meeting Planning –
  - a. Discussion was held and agenda items approved.
  - b. Board nomination committee needs to be formed and must include 5 board members. **Action: The slate of Becky, Lori, Dan, TJ and Kathryn was submitted for board representatives on the 2022 Board Nominating Committee. Jon asked for a voice vote. Motion carried.**
  - c. Kathryn reviewed the overview that will be presented on the work that has been done on the Strategic Plan.
  
- V. Executive Committee Recommendations for discussion and planning
  - a. Discussion was held on possible ways to improve board communication with individual society members and how we can as a board efficiently produce and approve communication that goes out to the Society.
  - b. Review of 10% Exception Policy on Admission Requirements
    - i. **Motion to form a committee to clarify current enrollment policies, specifically focused on exceptions of non-church/non-Christian families; And that we pause at this time any new enrollment of children of non-church/non-Christian families. Jon called for a voice vote. Motion carried.**
    - ii. **Action – Board clarified wording on the Parent Covenant in the Admissions policy. (#3 in the admissions policy)**
  - c. We will re-institute having board members make regular visits to all three buildings. Details and suggestions will be brought to our next board meeting to get started in March.

- d. **Action Item – We will bring together a Pastors Panel at one of our meetings in the near future to discuss LC’s current statements on human sexuality, gender identity and sanctity of life.**
- e. **Action Item – We will initiate a time of public comment for up to 30 minutes at the outset of upcoming board meetings – similar to the structure of the three society meetings. People will sign up in advance and have a maximum of 3 minutes. (Maximum of 10 speakers.) Concept will be finalized at the March meeting.**

VI. Superintendent’s Report

- a. We discussed the action taken yesterday by Mt. Vernon Christian and the continuing breaking news of more states eliminating mask mandates. We also discussed the possibility of vaccines being added to the list of required school vaccines and the appropriate response to that. **Paul will develop a statement with an overview of our advocacy efforts to return LC to more of a pre-Covid setting; it will also include our contacts/interaction with other schools, and our plan to find ways to advocate for parental choice for masks and vaccines. We will approve and distribute as soon as possible.**
- b. Lengthy discussion was held on Board response to the Group Society Meetings: All comments will be released in their entirety but serious concern was expressed with the potential for misuse of ‘video clips’ on Social Media. All comments have been professionally transcribed and word-for-word transcriptions may be released instead of the videos based on concerns voiced. Paul and Kathryn will go through the full transcript, clean up any misunderstood words or names, and try to pull together themes and group concerns to lay groundwork for organizing the board’s response. **Action: Board will meet Feb. 21 at 7:00 pm to finalize comments and response.**
- c. RCW 24.03A – Membership Requirements and update – Paul and Dan updated the board on the work being done to try to identify ‘Society Membership’.
- d. Paul presented a proposed tentative School Year Calendars for 2022-23 and 2023-24. The 2023-24 Calendar Year includes an exception to policy that we return to school on Tuesday Jan. 2. **Action item: Approve the next two School Year Calendars with the exception in 2023-24 noted. Motion M-S-P.**
- e. Paul gave the board insights in what a revised Admin. Organization Chart could look like – with changes that have occurred, and will be occurring.
- f. Paul updated us on a personnel matter.

VII. Following some discussion the board asked Paul to verify that prayer is a daily part of life on a regular basis, especially in the high school, following the discussions among staff and administration.

VIII. Possible agenda items for next meeting:

- a. Plan for board visits to the school.
- b. Update on the CTE Program
- c. Review final details and roles for Society Meeting on March 8.
- d. Consider a time for Pastors’ Panel to address the board.
- e. Update on committee to review enrollment policies and exceptions.

IX. Next meeting scheduled for Mar. 7, 2022

X. Adjournment

- a. Meeting ended at 12:12 a.m.
- b. Jon closed with prayer.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

(President)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

(Secretary)