

Meeting Minutes for

Lynden Christian School Board

Jon DeJong, Chairman; Mike Smit, Secretary

Apr. 12, 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, Paul Bootsma
Absent: None
- II. Open Forum from LC Society Members speaking prior to Board Meeting.
 - a. Steve Kryswick – expressed concerns about availability of medical exemptions if the Covid vaccine was added to the required vaccine list. Currently exemptions can be granted for most required vaccines, with a form signed by the doctor stating parents have been informed of the risks. It also appears the WA Board of Health is poised to accept the advice of its own committee, not to include the Covid vaccine in its list of required vaccines for school attendance.
- III. Brian Kooiker led us with a devotion reflecting on how people expected something very different of why Jesus came. Do we also try to make Jesus into something we think he should be?
- IV. We shared around the table - highlights, joys and prayer concerns – including reflections on visits to the three LC buildings, the volunteer appreciation dinner, the FFA dinner and elementary school chapel.
- V. Approval of consent agenda – Previous board minutes, Finance Committee, Tuition Accounts Committee, Transportation Committee as applicable, Building & Grounds, Education Committee, and Executive Committee minutes; plus Administrator Reports (as applicable)

Jon asked for approval of consent agenda with items noted - Motion carried by voice vote
- VI. From the Executive Committee: Encouraged the board to give more feedback as Paul continues to keep the board better informed, and also to communicate any specific concerns he should be hearing as soon as we can.
- VII. Dan gave an update report from the Nominating Committee. A list of nominees will be forthcoming, but it is becoming more challenging to find enough willing nominees to keep the requirement that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the board members are members of Reformed churches. **Action Point: Nominating Committee will bring forward Board nomination profiles to the Board prior to the next meeting.**
- VIII. We reviewed the March 8 Society Meeting, and discussed ideas on how improve some of the processes including the order of the agenda, nomination and voting.
- IX. Reviewed ongoing discussions board members have had with their pastors as we've sought their insights on our positions statements on human sexuality and gender identity. Our goal is to seek their input for further Biblical clarity and determine if there are key statements that could be improved - or to affirm what is in place with some minor adjustments. **Action Point: All board members will finish collecting input from their**

pastors and share a brief summary with the rest of the board over the next month, prior to our next meeting.

- X. Critical Issues Framework – from Education Committee. Reviewed and clarified the revisions that had been made and discussed next steps if the board approved the document. Where does this document ‘live’ so that it is actually accessed and used as intended? Motion M-S-P to approve the Critical Issues Framework document as presented. **Action Point: Paul will identify the best way to incorporate the Framework as part of our communication with parents, staff and the Society.**

- XI. Strategic Planning Report – Kathryn
 - a. We spent some time reviewing the additional Impact Area - Mission Alignment and Fidelity. And also understanding how the different teams would report progress and monitor processes. Discussion included how different pieces of the plan will be communicated, and what does the timeline look like. This is intended to be a living document that the board will adjust and adapt as needed. Motion M-S-P to approve this 5-year strategic plan as presented. **Action point: Paul and Kathryn need to meet again with CACE to coordinate timelines, and prioritize the next steps to bring back the board each month.**

- XII. Superintendent’s Report:
 - a. Paul brought forward plans moving forward regarding summer School. Since we anticipate many schools in the area will be offering some remedial classes during the summer, what would our enrollment policies look like? **Motion M-S-P that the enrollment admission policies for the morning class portion of Summer School will mirror the policies of LCS for the upcoming school year. Afternoon ‘camp activities’ will remain available to anyone who would like to attend - as they have always been.**
 - b. Personnel, Contracts, Hiring – Confidential personnel matters were discussed.

- XIII. Kathryn brought a proposal forward to organize our position statements and key policy documents, to make them easier to find and access from our website and within our app. **Motion M-S-P to support this proposal to move forward on this project.**

- XIV. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022.

- XV. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting ended at 10:17 pm
 - b. Derek closed with prayer.

Approved: _____

(President)

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(Secretary)