

Meeting Minutes for

**Lynden Christian School Board**

Jon DeJong, Chairman; Mike Smit, Secretary

May 2, 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.  
Steve Kruyswijk – Came to pray over the board.
- III. Shawn Cunningham – Bellingham Christian School came to update the board on the progress of Bellingham Christian School. He reminded us of all the incredible discussions and wisdom of LC to this point and how thrilling it was to see the dream of a high school being on the verge of becoming a reality. He showed us plans that are being developed and shared their hopes and dreams. He just wanted to say THANK YOU for everything LC has done and meant to BC...and to him personally as a dad.
- IV. Darren Johnson led us with a devotion and thoughts from Psalm 91 – and reminded us of why our lives need to be continually in God’s word in order to be able to ‘dwell in God’s presence’.
- V. We shared reflections and plans for personal visits to all three of the buildings.
- VI. 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 suggested we move the discussion of our pastors’ thoughts and input on the two position statements to the end of the agenda to see if there was time to deal with that or consider tabling it until our next meeting.  
**Jon asked for approval of consent agenda with changes noted - Motion carried by voice vote**
- VII. We heard a formal appeal from a teacher regarding a contract issue. The teacher and members of the faculty council were present with the board. The teacher outlined their experience and side of the issue. The board then heard from the administration on the topic and following a lengthy discussion, voted unanimously to uphold the proposal made by the administration.
- VIII. Board Nominees – slate: The Board Nominations Committee recommends the following slate of nominees to the Board for its approval:
  - a. Reformed church nominees, of whom two would be selected through the societal approval process and drawing of lots:
    - Don Kok
    - Connie Kooi
    - Mandy VanHofwegen
    - Shawna VanderLeest
    - alternate: Stephanie Parriera

- b. Non-Reformed church nominees, of whom one would be selected through the same societal approval process and drawing of lots:
  - Karla Swan
  - Kelly Visser
  - alternate: Greg Bode
- c. **Action point: Motion M-S-P to bring forward the entire slate, including alternates for confirmation by society. If all agree to have their names submitted, 3 names will be drawn out of the eight names in separate pulls – from each list - to assure at least 9 members of the board are from Reformed churches. The committee will contact the 8 names to verify that they are willing to serve if selected.**

IX. Review responses from Society member pastors regarding our human sexuality and gender identity statements. **Action point: Tabled for next meeting.**

X. Strategic Planning Report and Timeline – Kathryn Van Weerdhuizen.

- a. **Paul and Kathryn are meeting with CACE this coming week with a primary focus on the 5-year financial plan.**

XI. Superintendent’s Report:

- a. Proposal on Development and Finance staffing changes. **Motion M-S-P to approve the hiring of a new Director of Community Development position with wage-range submitted by Paul depending on experience and qualifications.**
- b. WIAA Membership Resolution – **Action Point: Motion M-S-P to sign the annual School Board Resolution.**
- c. 1910 Properties plan – Team met – looking into land purchases to build and sell homes to generate additional funding. Also evaluating all adjoining properties to see if any of them could be purchased for either expansion to generate revenue.
- d. Lisa wrote a message from the board to the Society encouraging the society and parents to show the LCS teachers and staff their appreciation during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- e. Board Appreciation: Swag for board members (mugs) and a Thank You was presented to each board member!

XII. Next meeting scheduled for Wed., June 8. Lori TeVelde will have Devotions

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting ended at 11:37 p.m.
- b. Leonard closed with prayer.

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

(President)

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

(Secretary)