

Calgary Society for Christian Education

Fall Society Meeting

December 2, 2021 - 7:00 PM - Held via ZOOM

HIGHLIGHTS

The CSCE Board Chair welcomed members. The Director of Faith Formation shared a prayer of blessing.

The CSCE Board Treasurer presented the Audited Financials for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2021, which demonstrated CCS's positive financial health. Weighted against current higher rates of inflation, a modest 2% fee increase was announced for the 2022-2023 school year.

At 7:40 PM, the CSCE Board Secretary conducted the business of the Society, including the following motions:

- Approved the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the CSCE held June 15, 2021
- Approved a motion to end the formal business portion of the meeting.

The Executive Director shared a slide presentation of Campus Care projects completed over the last 18 months. This included the first project in Phase One of the secondary improvement plan: a new HS science lab, which will be ready for second semester classes. Revised plans for the physical education complex were also shared with a targeted construction start for mid-2022, pending receipt of various approvals including a height restriction exemption. The Building Design Team is also currently reviewing other cost-saving construction options.

In support of these building efforts, the Faithfulness Campaign will launch in December. This is a \$3M comprehensive campaign that will raise funds for secondary facility additions, elementary school improvements, and continued funding of the family assistance program over the next three years. CCS families should watch their mail for their invitation to participate.

The Board Chair recognized the many blessings being experienced by CCS, including a year of record enrollment. And, encouraged continued prayer for leadership as the school continues to navigate the challenges of our current pandemic environment.

Questions and Answers followed:

1. The ED responded to an inquiry about the possibility for before and after school care at CCS. Further investigation into hosting a program was halted during the pandemic. Administration would be willing to assess the level of need and renew exploring program options.
2. Responding to a written question, the Chair invited the Secondary Principal to provide information regarding a request to develop a group focused on student inclusion and care needs at the secondary school. This "Brave Space" is being developed in the New Year through conversation, prayer, and in consultation with other Christian schools who have experience with these types of student inclusion groups. We seek to learn from other Christian schools who have developed common ground within their communities to support these student groups. In the coming months, the parent community will be provided opportunities to engage in dialogue with leadership on this request and how the Society should respond to the request. Comments and questions may be addressed to the Secondary Principal and/or Executive Director.
3. Regarding a question on accountability for faith formation, the Chair affirmed it is the Board that is the "gatekeeper" ensuring the integrity of our faith formation program. The Board is planning to complete a formal review of the CCS Faith Formation Program starting in the New Year.
4. Regarding the school district's vaccination and testing mandates, the Executive Director shared how the CSCE had provided initial feedback to District leaders on what possible impact any mandates might have on our school community. The CSCE continued to work with the District to provide realistic options and to make testing requirements more accessible and affordable.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.