

Information Session

Calgary Society for Christian Education

March 21, 2023

Agenda

- Welcome & Opening Prayer
- Calgary Society for Christian Education (CSCE) Board Members
- CSCE Board Purpose
- Christian Worldview Integration & Oversight Policy
- Constructively Addressing Concerns
- Dialogue with CSCE Members & Parents
- Closing Prayer @ 9:00 pm

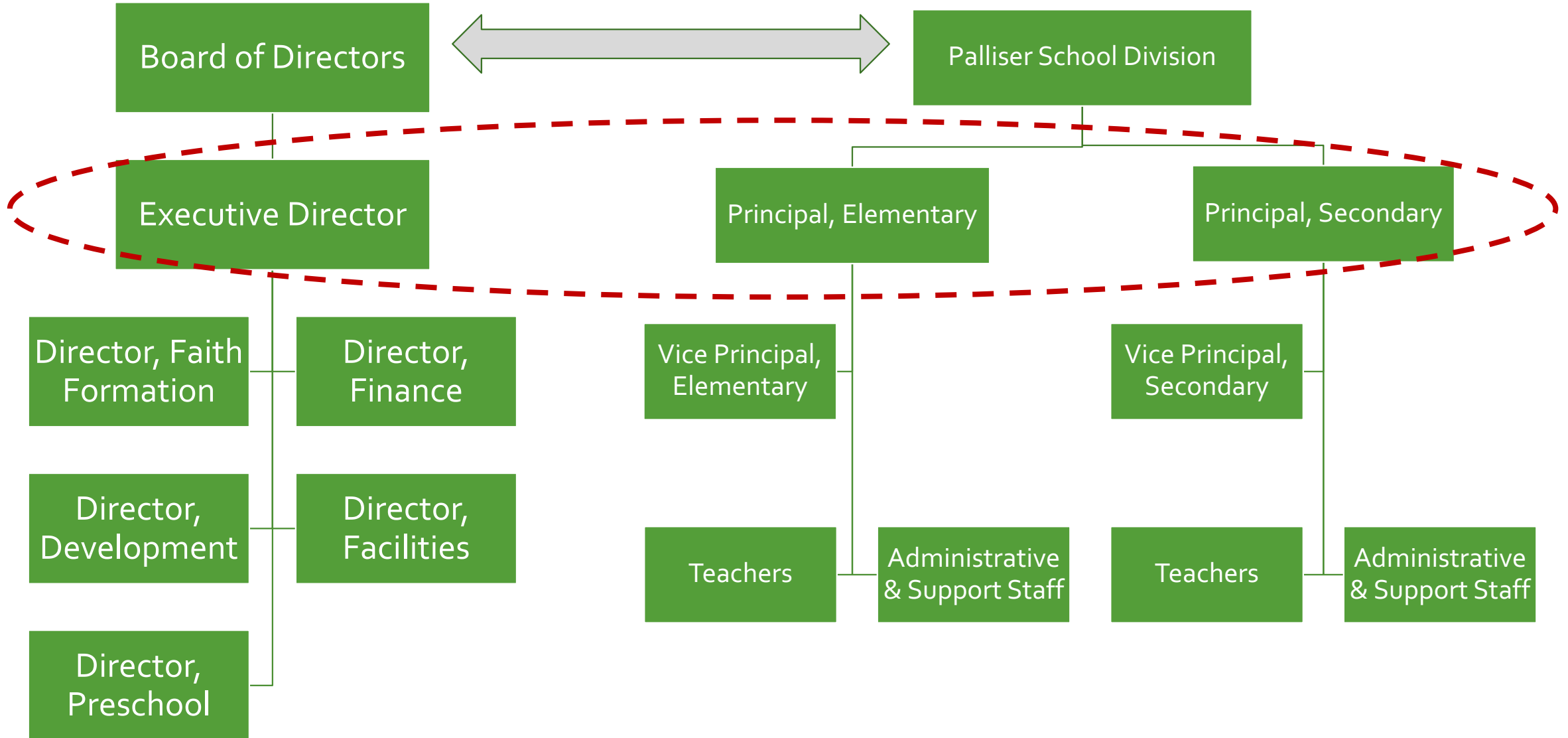
CSCE Board Members

- Jon Halford, Chair
- Matthew Weening, Vice Chair
- Lynette Edwards, Treasurer
- Michelle Zuk, Secretary
- Olugbenga Adebayo
- Lenny Houweling
- Chris Radke
- Sandy Vander Ziel

CSCE Board Purpose

- Establishing vision & policy for CSCE & Calgary Christian School (CCS)
- Palliser School District Agreement
- Managing the lands, buildings, assets & other property of CSCE
- Financial stewardship of CSCE
- Promotion of Christian education

CSCE Board Purpose



Christian Worldview Integration & Oversight Policy

“to undertake and promote scripturally directed learning of children – so that the Word of God in all its power is brought to bear upon the whole of their lives – and to this end, to establish, control and develop Christian elementary schools and Christian secondary schools for their daily instruction and education”

Christian Worldview Integration & Oversight Policy

- Integration of **Christian worldview in all curricular & extra-curricular activities** at CCS
- Principals, teachers, staff & volunteers will **refrain from promoting their personal theological beliefs** except to the extent as specifically addressed in the Foundational Documents
- **Foundational Documents:**
 - CSCE Objects
 - Basis & Educational Creed
 - CCS Educational Vision & Philosophy

More info available at:

www.calgarychristianschool.com/about/ccs-structure-and-society-board

Christian Worldview Integration & Oversight Policy

- **Guiding Principles**

- Christian doctrine, theology and practice **taught in a positive and apologetic manner**
- Historic doctrine, theology and practice of the Reformed tradition may be the starting point for teaching or discussing Christian doctrine, theology and practice
- CCS is established for the **promotion and advancement of Christian education consistent with the Foundational Documents**

Christian Worldview Integration & Oversight Policy

- **Guiding Principles con't.**

- **CSCE is not a church** and does not promote the doctrine, theology or practice of any particular Christian denomination
- Integrating a Christian worldview in all subjects consistent with Foundational Documents
- **Review and consistently affirm the primary role of Scripture in analyzing issues** including comprehensive reading and mediation on Scripture

Christian Worldview Integration & Oversight Policy

- **Guiding Principles con't.**

- **Teaching of Christian doctrine, theology and practice at CCS is a partnership** involving school and parents, where:

- **School** – teaches Christian doctrine, theology and encourages Christian beliefs and practices to develop the Christian faith in students; not to promote any particular set of Christian beliefs except those in the Foundational Documents
- **Parents** – promote and encourage Christian beliefs and practices in their children and development of Christian faith consistent with Foundational Documents and your church community

Christian Worldview Integration & Oversight Policy

- **Guiding Principles con't.**

- Topics involving matters known to be the subject of controversy or division:

- **Confined to classes** set for such topics

- **Students encouraged to speak to their parents** about their beliefs and practices and that of their church community

- **Parents may request and school to facilitate removal of student** from any lesson which is objectionable to parents

Christian Worldview Integration & Oversight Policy

- **Guiding Principles con't.**
 - Discussions on Christian doctrine, theology or practice:
 - **Open, honest, gentle and respectful discussion and debate** among students is welcomed and encouraged
 - **Words and actions to be in a spirit of love**
 - Intent to educate and inform
 - **Encourage all participants to engage**
 - **Apply the truth of God's Word**

Christian Worldview Integration & Oversight Policy

- **Guiding Principles con't.**

- Christian doctrine, theology or practice **will not be used to:**

- **Belittle, insult or bully others**

- Engagement in such actions will be **subject to appropriate sanction**

Christian Worldview Integration & Oversight Policy

- This policy applies to:
 - Board of Directors
 - All members of CSCE
 - Principals & teaching staff
 - All CSCE staff
 - All volunteers
 - All students

Constructively Addressing Concerns...

- **Get the facts** and seek to understand the context
- First **approach those directly involved** in a spirit of **humility and love**
- Ask questions, listen and **seek to understand**
- If resolution is not achieved, **elevate to next level**
 - **Teacher** → **Principal** → **Executive Director** → **Board**
 - **CSCE Staff** → **Executive Director** → **Board**
- **Resist gossip**, rumours and heresy
- **Focus on being united** and being part of our CCS community
- We are **role models** for our children and CCS students

Dialogue with CSCE Members & Parents

- Be respectful
- We are here to listen, please do not interrupt others when speaking
- Clearly state your name & child's grade
- If your concern or question has already been raised, please allow others the opportunity to speak

Conclusion & Closing Prayer

Thank you for being apart of our CCS Community!

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