

CSCE Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2015
Meeting Highlights

The Chair opened the meeting followed by a devotional and prayer led by a third-year director.

The Chair presented the Agenda for the meeting. No changes or additions were made.

The meeting Minutes of September 21, 2015 were approved.

Principal Reports

- ES hike raised more than \$21,000 for musical instruments; as per commitment, 10% will be donated to the Belize mission team project.
- Family devotions and service project ideas being developed at ES in line with TFT curriculum.
- Peer Advisory groups at HS added art work to facility expressing this year's theme verse – "speaking the very words of God".
- November *Passages* event will feature inspirational guest speakers on 27th including Allan Law.
- K-12 staff meets once a month – comprehensive, helpful.
- Society maintenance commended for making Calgary Islamic School feel welcome.

Chaplain's Report

- Bible program/curriculum to be assessed in January – March, 2016. Plans to begin implementing changes in April- May.
- Faith Formation Plan laid for Board and admin at Sept 19 leadership retreat; has also now been laid out to all teachers. Idea of a "spiritual journal" for our students discussed – tracking each students journey of faith.
- High school only chapels – allow for more mature topics of discussion. Recently discussed biblical views on sexuality. Attempting to address issues being discussed by students and in the larger community. Both positive and negative feedback was received. General request to inform/advise parents of any future topical discussions like this. Questioned if there are other resources for further discussion/reflection at home.

Executive Director Report

- Some repeat vandalism on upper playground. Lights and camera installed for surveillance. Reports submitted to CPS. Constable visited site to inspect. More lights have already been installed on north side of ES campus towards playground areas.
- CCS Directories distributed October 19 – a significant improvement in timeline over last year.
- AB minimum wage increase has some impact on budget. Affects a number of current student workers.
- Safe and Caring School guidelines for LGBTQ students, Bill 10 and GSA's: recommending the larger community needs to be engaged in this discussion. Present updates on developments, expectations and impact to all schools, not just CCS. Round table discussion on topic. Executive Committee will bring more structured conversation re: this back to Board.

Guest

- No guest at this meeting

Finance Committee

- Audit underway. Plans to complete by November 30.
- Report on Budget and follow up to 2014-2015 surplus decisions. As part of surplus/capital spend, allocated \$230,000 to pay down first mortgage and another \$180,000 for campus improvements, especially technology.
- Answer to internal question: no, large mortgage payments do not affect our “not for profit” status.
- Executive Director will provide regular updates on progress in approved capital spending.
- CCS received a \$10,000 anonymous donation through a church
- Researching costs of new sports bus (shuttle); will review finance and lease options.
- “Bad Debt” and collections policy in development.

Policy Committee

- Volunteer bond to be reviewed this year.

Strategic Development Committee

- An advisory sub-committee met September 28 and reviewed all known development options to date. Group will meet again in November to formulate a recommendation to the Board concerning perceived best direction.
- Have scheduled a meeting with our Councilman to discuss potential use of underutilized City park space adjacent to HS campus for Phys Ed classes during daytime hours.

Executive Team

- Correspondence: Board approved continue using same lawyer who has moved to a different firm.
- Concerns of Society:
 - o Notice of ES Principal retirement - discussed timeline for notification and hiring process with Palliser. CSCE will post independently with other Christian education organizations (PCCE, SCSBC, ASCI, Edifide, AISCA, etc.); Palliser will post via their site in new year.
 - o Alternative Schools dialogue – discussion on new MLA’s understanding of alternative public schools. Exec Dir has already met with Calgary-Currie MLA and toured CCS campus. Considered a good practice for all alternative schools to do same. Help build knowledge and awareness.
 - o Discussion on whether or not ATA and other groups unfamiliar with alternative schools need to be more intentionally contacted and informed. What is best means of awareness and advocacy for our type of school?
- Planned November 17 Society Meeting. To include information on how the Board has followed up to comments made at AGM in May 2015. Includes volunteering, strategic development, faith formation, and discussion on special needs.
- By December meeting, Executive Team will report back on developments in discussion with Parents of Special Needs Students.

Next Meeting – December 14, 2015-7:00 PM