

Full Board Meeting
Monday, August 23, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.
Via ZOOM

Attendees: *Becher, Bouws, Burgess, Dykstra, Groothuis, Hoezee, Johnson, Jousma, Rigterink, Woodfin*

Absent: *van Stempvoort*

Guests: Julian Newman

Meeting called to order: 7:03 p.m.

Opening Devotions: Bouws- Psalm 51

I. Julian Newman visit

- A. Introduction- Julian did great work with staff last week: building cultural bandwidth and intelligence.
- B. Professional development focused on expansion of options (analogy of bandwidth in technology). Organizations are similar and need to focus on learning, living and leading.
- C. Earnestness and sincerity were evident among participants even when discussing difficult topics. Interactions were thoughtful and Christ-focused.

II. Celebration of Successes and Blessings...

- A. Elementary Open House was awesome.
- B. First day of school went well!
- C. Staff Professional Development days were excellent. This staff is second-to-none.
- D. Eric's leadership and strength over the last several weeks.
- E. Students playing sports. Football is back.
<https://www.fox17online.com/sports/high-school/calvin-christian-varsity-football-returns-after-year-off-due-to-low-numbers>
- F. Parents are praying over us right now at school; the school year has never been so covered with prayer.

III. Approve [June 14, 2021 minutes](#).

- A. Motion to approve: Rob Groothuis; Second by Jim Becher
- B. Motion carries.

IV. Colossian Forum proposal/information item.

- A. Doug to present potential opportunity to Board for Board to determine whether to proceed with initial application.
- B. See link. [WF Tentative Outline.docx](#)

- C. Colossian Forum- assists churches in managing conflict (difficult discussions) on a small group level. Goal is to build community and create safe places for discussion.
- D. Wayfinders opportunity: early adopter program is in the works. Minor costs for training of 4-5 people (admin and board) in a gospel-based conflict management program.
- E. Board supports pursuing this opportunity and completing the application. Eric and Doug will work on selecting potential attendees (board members are also welcome).

V. Kent County Health Department Order

- A. Eric provided a summary of updates/developments since Friday's order was issued: urgency; conversations with parents; Board meeting Saturday morning; timing of communications; discussions with other schools. Consistent goal: preserve unity of our community.
- B. Board review/reminder of considerations regarding potential responses to KCHD order
 - 1. Biblical considerations
 - 2. Legal considerations
 - 3. Medical / health considerations
 - 4. Financial considerations
 - 5. Unity / community considerations, including discussions from responses from school community
- C. Eric provided a summary of the decisions made on this issue by other Christian schools. Other board members provided similar summaries/school communications prior to the meeting. Positions are mixed.
- D. Discussion of legal ramifications of the order and consequences for failure to follow it.
- E. Motion to amend the 2021-2022 Preparedness and Response Plan.
 - 1. Motion by Dinorah Dykstra; second by Lisa Jousma.
 - 2. Motion carries.

VI. Strategic Plan Update--Eric

- A. Plan is final. It will be distributed within the next month.

VII. No Written Board Report This Month

- A. Back to School / Reopening Plan. Present to Board for endorsement next month.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Executive committee (standing): [August 11 minutes](#)
- B. Curriculum Council (staff): Tami R., Dinorah D. -
- C. Financial Sustainability (task force): Heather H, Jim B, Becki Bykerk.
- D. Campaign for the Future (task force): Rob - meeting monthly.

- E. Policy Committee (task force): Mindi, Jim B. -
- F. GCCS Foundation Board (standing): Jim B. -
- G. Marketing Promotions: Paul K. Kyle, Heidi Weesies, Laurens TenKate, Erin Nichols -
- H. Extracurricular (standing): Todd H (chair) - committee still forming

IX. Miscellaneous Matters

- A. Next meeting: September 27, 2021 - 6:00 pm (**Note early start; dinner to be provided**)
- B. [Board calendar for 2021-2022](#)
- C. Board meetings dial in option--Doug
- D. Brief review/confirmation and protocol for board email.

X. Executive Session

- A. Motion to enter executive session at 9:16 pm: Motion by heather Hoezee , second by Lisa Jousma. Motion carries.
- B. Motion to leave executive session at 9:22 pm: Motion by dinorah Dykstra; second by Jim Becher. Motion carries.

Closing Prayer: Groothuis

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

Upcoming dates:

- Exec meeting: 9/21, at 7:00 am (via Zoom)
- Full Board meeting: 9/27, at 6:00 pm (Learning Commons) - **Note early start**
 - Devotions: van Stempvoort
 - Closing Prayer: Johnson