

**Full Board Meeting**  
**Monday, September 27, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Learning Commons**

Attendees: *Becher, Bouws, Burgess, Dykstra, Groothuis, Hoezee, Johnson [via phone], Jousma, Rigterink, van Stempvoort, Woodfin*

Absent:

Guests:

Meeting called to order: 6:15 p.m.

Opening Devotions: Steve van Stempvoort

**I. Dinner & Conversation led by Jim Becher**

**II. Celebration of Successes and Blessings...**

- A. Grandparents 'Day, including livestream option
- B. Back to School Nights - Middle School and High School
- C. Clay Pigeon Shoot - Good turnout
- D. Sports/athletics are back on
- E. Dance on Friday night
- F. Music department

**III. Approve [August 23 minutes](#).**

- A. Motion to approve: Dinorah D.; Second by Rob Groothuis.
  - 1. Discussion on amendment to minutes.
- B. Motion as amended carries.

**IV. Colossian Forum Update** - covered under Eric's report.

**V. Parent Access to Board / Discussion of Options for Open Board Meetings**

- A. History--In June of 2020, board decided that board meetings would be "closed".
- B. In July of 2020, we received a request to observe a board meeting. The following was sent by exec team members in response:
  - Board meetings are not open to the general public for observation.
  - There are two options by which to address board:
    - Submit a request in writing to the board president at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting you wish to attend stating the meeting date you wish to attend, the topic or item you wish to address, and who will be in attendance to address the board. Your request is subject to approval by the board.

- Submit a complaint/appeal via the complaints policy. This method requires that there be some policy that has been violated or some decision with which constituent disagrees and would like to appeal.
- C. Review of approaches of other West Michigan Christian schools regarding openness of board meetings
  1. Most schools currently have closed meetings.
  2. Some schools set aside a few minutes for open comment.
  3. Schools that have open meetings are open to invited guests or have other procedures for individuals to get pre-approval to be on the agenda and have a chance to speak. Ordinarily, this is not a forum for open dialogue.
- D. Discussion of potential options and pros/cons.
- E. Next steps:
  1. Eric B. will follow up to obtain more details regarding approaches of other area schools.
  2. Doug and Eric B. will draft a proposed publication for how to access the Board and obtain approval to present comments at Board meetings.

## **VI. Board Report**

- A. General Updates
  1. Colossian Forum opportunities
  2. All Belong partnership and visit
  3. CSI Accreditation - Self-study
- B. Budget Update & review of enrollment trends
  1. Update regarding capital campaign planning
- C. COVID-19 Protocol Update
- D. Strategic Plan Update

## **VII. Committee Reports**

- A. Executive committee (standing): [September 21 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

## **VIII. Miscellaneous Matters**

- A. Next meeting: October 25, at 7:00 pm

## **IX. Executive Session**

- A. Motion to enter executive session at 8:56 pm: Motion by Rob Groothuis, second by Jim Becher. Motion carries.
- B. Motion to leave executive session at 9:35 pm: Motion by Dinorah D.; second by Steve VS. Motion carries.

Closing Prayer: Mindi Johnson

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm

**Upcoming dates:**

- Exec meeting: 10/19, at 7:00 am (via Zoom)
- Full Board meeting: 10/25, at 7:00 pm (Learning Commons)
  - Devotions: Hoezee
  - Closing Prayer: Rigterink
- [Board calendar for 2021-2022](#)