

Canyonside Christian School, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
PUBLIC Minutes

June 1, 2009

Individuals Present: Sharon Bettencourt, Steve Bybee, Mark de Jong, Dan Kuka, Julie Lund, Susie Millenkamp, Lyle McClimans, Jeff Sauer, Jamie Shetler, Bryan Slusher, Chris Stevenson, Sarah Weg and Kami Wright.

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Approval of Minutes from April BOD Meeting** – A motion was made to accept the May Board of Directors minutes. MSC
3. **Parental and Community Concerns** – Parental and/or community concerns were discussed. The BOD and Mr. Kuka will follow up with parents and all appropriate parties related to these concerns.
4. **Kami Wright** – The BOD recognized Mrs. Kami for her amazing dedication to Canyonside and wished her the best of luck in completing her teaching degree. Her efforts and commitment to CCS were commended by all BOD members and it was agreed that the BOD hoped that Kami may return in a teaching capacity some day to CCS.
5. **CCS Marketing** – Sarah Weg, Marketing Committee Chair, reported on the progress of the Marketing Committee. Sarah stated that CCS's participation in the Magic Valley Mall Showcase from May 5 – 18th was a success. The BOD commended Sarah and the Marketing Committee on the outstanding displays by CCS classes. Sarah also reported that the Marketing Committee hosted a third open house on May 12th and five families attended. Sarah stated that the Committee had several summer plans which include CCS's participation in the Wendell Dairy Days on June 19th and 20th and participation in the Jerome County Fair. The Committee has also been actively planning to implement a monthly newsletter and the first draft will be available by the August BOD meeting. Mr. Kuka stated that this may be an excellent educational opportunity for our 4th and 5th grade students and that they may be directly involved in the creation of the newsletter. Sarah also stated that the Marketing Committee has begun to make preparations for the annual back to school night which will be held on August 24th. The Committee is currently looking into advertising opportunities for the summer. A motion was made to provide a \$500 budget to the marketing committee to investigate advertising opportunities. Finally, Sarah stated that CCS is scheduled for a KMVT scholastic spotlight with an airdate of September 28th.

Mr. Kuka will phone area churches to inquire about putting information in church bulletins regarding enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year and provide this list to Sarah and the

Marketing Committee. Mr. Kuka will also contact CCS families who have not enrolled for the upcoming school year. The BOD thanked Sarah and her Committee for their awesome efforts.

6. **Administrator Updates** – Mr. Kuka provided the BOD with an update on school related matters. His update included information related to recent school activities, current enrollment figures, facility maintenance updates, CCS service learning projects, CCS staff updates, curriculum updates, end-of the year activities and summer planning. A copy of the administrator update can be obtained by contacting Mr. Kuka.
7. **Magic Valley Christian School Update** – Magic Valley Christian School Board Member Lyle McClimans provided an update to the BOD regarding Magic Valley hosting an elementary school in Twin Falls. Mr. McClimans stated that Magic Valley’s Board Of Directors were contacted by the Church of Praise and Worship to discuss the opportunity of hosting a Christian elementary school in Twin Falls. This church had recently purchased the old Lighthouse Christian Building and had completed a survey to determine enrollment. This group asked Magic Valley to serve as a governing body for their new elementary school. The group also stated that their 6th – 12th grade students would be bused to Magic Valley’s campus for middle school and high school. The BOD asked several questions of Mr. McClimans and asked to be kept apprised of the situation and any decisions made. Mr. McClimans stated that he wanted to continue to work with CCS and develop partnerships where applicable. He stated that he did not believe that this change would have any negative impact on CCS’s enrollment.
8. **CCS Technology 2009-2010** – Jamie Shetler reported on some possible technology arrangements for the upcoming school year. The BOD and Mr. Kuka will investigate these opportunities and see if they are feasible for CCS. The BOD agreed that technology will be a major focus for the 2009-2010 school year. A motion was made to move forward on technology and seek out a technology director. Motion seconded and carried.
9. **CCS Goals for the 2009-2010 School Year** – The BOD discussed numerous goals for the 2009-2010 school year. This discussion included such things as: increasing enrollment, providing exceptional academic opportunities for CCS students, creating a chapel curriculum that allows families to be a part of the bible curriculum and character teachings that are occurring at CCS, enhancing technology, providing a physical education program, continuing to provide an amazing Christian environment, increasing communication with parents, enhancing parent, student, administrator, BOD and staff relationships and communication, maintaining an open door policy and ensuring that underperforming students are receiving the assistance that they need. Numerous items were discussed and will be presented at the all member meeting on August 24th.
10. **Summer EXCEL Update** – Ms. Leanna is currently running the summer excel program and has developed numerous daily activities which include: gardening days, swimming days, movie days and physical education days at the Jerome Recreation Center. The

program currently has 18 students enrolled with additional students joining each week. Mr. Kuka reported that additional staff have been hired to assist Ms. Leanna.

11. **Staff and Personnel Updates** – Staff and personnel updates were discussed. Mr. Kuka and the BOD are currently reviewing applications for open positions (K-3 – Room 2, K-4, and 5th grade).
12. **Administrator Contract** – Mr. Kuka’s contract was discussed for the upcoming school year.
13. **Financial Report** – Sharon Bettencourt provided the BOD with an in-depth look at CCS’s current financial state. Booklets were provided to BOD members and all spending and family accounts were reviewed.
14. **Next Meeting/Other Business** – The next BOD meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2009. Jeff Sauer and Steve Bybee discussed the benefits of dubli to the BOD. The BOD will continue to look into this opportunity.
15. **Closing Prayer**