

Bellevue Christian School Board Meeting Minutes

6:00 pm, Thursday, January 18, 2018
LRC

Board Members Present: Rich Begert, David Burnett, Ruth Burnett, Kelly Curran, Kevin Dunning, Roxanne Kidd, Scott Lampe, Kirsten Miller, Steve Sirich, Brock Weedman

Board Members Absent: Diane Apol, and Bill Cox

Staff Members Present: Amanda Albright, Tony Bylenga, Brenda Fournier, Sharon Jessup, Jennifer Smith, Kirk Utzinger

Guests:

Call to Order: Ruth Burnett called the meeting to order at 6:00

1. Devotions:

Kelly Curran gave the devotion: Deuteronomy 30, choose life, be faithful

2. Minutes: Motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2017 Board Meeting.
Motion Passed

3. Reports

Tony Bylenga – Three Points Elementary

Tony gave an overview of the different grade levels at Three Points, what they are learning in their respective classes and grade levels & how they are also learning to serve and lead, and partnering with grade levels other than their own.

Documents presented: none

Amanda Albright – This is year 2 of Teaching for Transformation involving 65 teachers. This is changing how we teach.

Documents presented: Power Point

Brenda Fournier – SAS and Curriculum –

What is the story behind Educational Therapy at BCS?

Children struggling with school caused the administrators to develop a way to better serve these children.

What is educational therapy? – 1 to 1 academic program to stimulate areas of weakness.

All SAS staff are NILD certified. There are 13 therapists and 110 part time/full time students, some from outside BCS. There is a waitlist for these services.

Documents presented: Power Point

Rich Begert – Facilities Update

John Norman update – Have not heard back from the Archdiocese. Sacred heart is not opposed to the current plan. The Archdiocese meeting is February 15th. The value of the property should come under the 5M limit.

Documents presented: none

Kevin Dunning – Superintendent Highlights

- The updated Employee Handbook will be ready for distribution soon.
- Signature event – since the Signature Event (replacement for auction) is on campus in the spring, it was discussed as to whether alcoholic beverages could be served with the meal. The Board agreed not to allow this service.
- CSI represents pensioners but no one represents the schools. 120 schools have contributions in the pension plan. Do we need to stay in CSI? What will CSI come up with? What will it look like moving forward? Just FYI. Should we consider membership in NWAIS for when pension goes away? How does NWAIS match up with our culture?
- 1050 enrollment – where is that coming from? Driving for K to 6th grade growth. Think we are seeing optimism.
- We are considering a 3 week experience for 2 children from China. They would attend Elementary school at BCS during their time off due to the Chinese New Year. It will be a test run to see if it is a good socialization experience and not too disruptive to the classroom.
- Would 1 to 1 next year change dynamics of classroom learning? We do not have a goal to do away with textbooks. Computers would serve as a support to the teaching experience.
- The Strategic Plan – tells people where we are and what we want to accomplish. This will be placed on the website tomorrow.
- Operational Plan – We are making significant progress

Documents presented: Report

4. Administrative Recommendations –

1. That the Board approve donor agreements for the following funds:

Barnes Memorial
BCS General Operations
Bellevue Christian Reformed Church
Dewey & Pat Fredricks
Greene Living Memorial
Jan Downs
Joni Hanna
Joseph Rech
Lloyd Adler
Performing Arts
Scott Bioren
Vander Pol
Froujke Boyle

Rationale: These agreements specify in writing the source of funds and the donors intent. This should enable us to encourage ongoing contributions to these funds and better track how the funds are distributed. Details on each fund are described in the Board packet.

Motion was made and carried to approve donor agreements for the funds presented.

2. That the Board approve the establishment of a BCS Financial Aid Endowment Fund and a BCS General Endowment Fund.

Rationale: This endowment would be built from donations to support the school's financial aid program.

Motion was made and carried to approve the establishment of the BCS Financial Aid Endowment Fund and BCS General Endowment Fund as presented.

3. That the Board recommend to the Corporation the following change to the bylaws:

Current (Bylaw)

ARTICLE XV Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of Bellevue Christian School to admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at Bellevue Christian School. It is the school's policy not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Proposed

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As a Christian educational institution in the Reformed tradition, Bellevue Christian School is permitted and reserves the right to prefer students, employees or prospective employees on the basis of religion.

Rationale: This better reflects our practice and contemporary non-discrimination statements.

Motion was made and carried for the Board to recommend to the Corporation the change to the bylaws as presented.

4. That the Board adopt the following changes to policy 6104, pending approval by the Corporation of Article XV of the bylaws:

Current

6104 Nondiscrimination

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Rationale: This would align with the bylaw change.

Motion was made for the Board to adopt the changes to **Policy 6104** as presented, pending approval by the Corporation of Article XV of the bylaws. **Vote on next month.**

5. Action: Approve Audit Report for 2017-2018 – this will be voted on next month.

6. Meeting Adjourned: Motion was made to adjourn.
Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Upcoming dates:

Community Prayer meeting will be held at the Clyde Hill Campus Large Conference Room from 7-8 PM on January 22nd.

February Board meeting will be on the 22nd, 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Jessup on behalf of Rich Begert, Secretary

Ruth Burnett, President