

WCCS Board Notes
November 2, 2009

DEVOTIONS: Matthew 7:8 reminds us that everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches, finds. But do we sometimes listen and search for the wrong things, causing us to miss God's response? Sometimes, we think God hasn't acted, because we're not focused on the right things. We need to focus on lives, hearts, and souls, rather than on waves (Peter and the storm), bricks (Joshua at Jericho), and bushes (Moses and the burning bush). The meeting opened in prayer.

SPRING PLAY: Approval was given: 1) to produce three performances of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* on April 22-24, 2) for a 'loan' to be repaid by ticket sales and any other subsidies, 3) to audition from the broader WCCS family, 4) and to approve the production staff as proposed subject to updates, in accordance with all WCCS policies and procedures.

EITC: Changes have been made in the EITC program due to State budget cuts. Any contributions to our fund from donors that had been approved earlier in this tax year will be reduced to 89% of the original contribution. This reduction was due to prior approvals by the State which exceed the allowance stated in the new State budget. We are thankful that the EITC program has not been eliminated altogether, as had been suggested earlier in some of the budget negotiations. There are some new banks in town that will be approached for future donations to our EITC fund.

ACSI CONFERENCE: A board member attended ACSI Conference this year. He encouraged everyone to try to go someday. It is a very professional environment and a great opportunity to network with others in Christian education. The recurring theme of the conference was the importance of being relational. There are many things we cannot do, because of modest budgets, but it doesn't cost anything to be relational—"Jesus with skin on." One of the conference speakers was Guy Doud—a former "teacher of the year." He may be available to come speak in our area sometime. It is good for staff and board members to attend these conferences on a rotational basis so they can keep up on changes in education and technology.

BUILDING: The dedication took place on Saturday. There were not as many attendees as had been hoped for, but it was a good time. The annex is close to completion. Still to be finished are heat, mop boards, tile, and final plumbing. After the first of the year, the crew hopes to start on the science lab as funds allow.

Some furnace repairs still need to be completed when parts arrive.

SPORTS: We don't have a JV girls coach this year. There is only one other school—French Creek—that has a JV girls' team. Only two others have a boys' JV team.

Steve Zwald and Tim Hammersley were approved as basketball coaches for this year.

The proposed basketball schedule was presented, which includes two possible tournaments at Family First in Erie. The one in December does not include an over night stay, while the one in March does. The basketball schedule was approved with the provision that the coaches come back with more information regarding tournaments, including, but not limited to travel arrangements, chaperones, etc.

Time was also spent reviewing the student sports policy 4021.1, which says students may participate in a limited number of non-league games, but preference is given to NYPENN schools. At a later time, the policy may need to be addressed further.

October 5th MINUTES were approved as corrected.

CNB ACCOUNT: Details of the new CNB accounts were confirmed.

RISERS: Permission was given to donate four old uncarpeted band risers for use of a local group, since we still have plenty for our use.

ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION: Last month, it had been requested that each member review the evaluation handout and appendix before providing feedback on the how the process should proceed. Not much feedback was received. It was suggested that perhaps a three-person sub-committee could review and synthesize the suggestions that are received before November 16th. It was briefly mentioned that, at some point, we need to evaluate board performance, too.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Delinquent tuition was reviewed.

YEARBOOK: The yearbook advisor's request to buy a digital camera and memory card was approved as long as they stay within the financial confines of the existing yearbook account balance.

STAFF SUGGESTIONS: There was discussion about adjusting the scheduling of languages in the future to better accommodate student work load.

There was also discussion about our current grading scale.

Concern was expressed that we have not reviewed the requirements for graduation in quite some time and may be falling behind in that regard. We may also need to review the credit given for each class and look into the requirements for AP testing.

A contingency plan was discussed in the event that school would need to close due to a flu epidemic. Mr. K will discuss options with the staff and report back.

Next meeting: December 7 @ 6:30