

VisionWay Christian School

Regular Board Meeting

Agenda

December 18, 2023

The meeting convenes at 6pm.

Prayer was provided by Steve Basham.

Attendance: Betsy Sharp, Ben Althoff, Ethan Brown, Val Lilly, Matt Corso, Renee Brown, Chad Sutton, Dave Tapscott, Jessie Repscher

Consent Agenda: Betsy made a motion to approve and consent the agenda, Ethan seconded, motion passed.

Minutes for November 2023

Financial report for November 2023

Committee Reports:

Finance: Steve Basham

Personnel/Hospitality: BenAlthoff

Marketing: Betsy Sharp

Curriculum: Dave Tapscott

Buildings/grounds: Steve Basham

Athletic Committee: Ben Althoff

Administrator's Report: Renee Brown

Elder's Report: Matt Corso

Chairman's Report: Ben Althoff

Old Business:

1.) School Evaluation Tool/Report Card:

Religion-We plan to gather the data of students who attend TCC and students who attend other churches. This data would be gathered 3 times/year. Dave made a motion to approve the religious section of the report card scoring, Val Second, motion carries. The board requests that LeAnn Jones gathers that data. The survey will be sent to all VCS families.

Finance: Betsy made a motion to approve the finance section of the report card and scoring, Chad seconded, motion carried.

Academics: Academics-MAP Testing, Illinois State Scholar are all options to help track definitive success. There was discussion around talking to the current kindergarten parents, current senior class at Taylorville High School, and Teachers. The Curriculum Committee will discuss further.

New Business:

1.) Administrator's Report

Upcoming events:

- Teacher In-Service Jan. 8
- School Resumes Jan. 9
- No School MLK Jan. 15
- MAP testing Jan. 16-19
- Teacher In-Service 1:00 dismissal Jan. 31

Updates:

- Junior High Retreat
- Christmas Program
- PreK3 new instructional location
- Enrichment Program -

Information:

- Down the Hall - highlighting the enrichment opportunities provided by classroom teachers throughout the school this month.
 - The students are loving the splitting of the class for small group instruction. I have already seen the benefits in understanding concepts as well as with behavior. We have been marking vowels and learning special sounds. These are major concepts that are learned to help in decoding words for reading.
 - 1st grade has been as busy as Santa's elves. They read the book, "How to Catch an Elf" and then used their engineering skills to build elf traps during STEM time. A merry time was had by all thinking outside of the box and working cooperatively in a group.
 - 3rd Grade had been discussing story structure. They are in the process of creating their own short Christmas themed story. They are developing characters, setting, and the plot. At the end they will put their story in a book and do illustrations. Additionally, we are doing a STEM project that will allow

students to make a Christmas tree that spins using Magnets, wire and AA batteries!

- Last week the 6th graders went to a crime scene. There were 5 body outlines and several pieces of evidence marked. The student had to try and figure out what had happened. After they made their guesses, we went back to the classroom and discussed the Boston Massacre. We looked at what both sides said happened and compared. The kids had a great time and it was fun to listen to their guesses as to what happened. The 8th grade girls helped Mr. Mann set up the scene.

- Evaluations continue- Finish by February 28, 2023

- Fund a Need- Ideas:
 - Gym sound system upgrade / vents in the ceiling replaced and cleaned / a lift to remove balls and wipe off walls.
 - Folding chairs for programs
 - Picnic area for school and staff. Concrete pad with tables along the south side (Kroger/Gordmans)
 - Bell system for JH and a start and end of school day bell for all.
- Swim lessons
 - Grades 4-5
 - January 31-Feb. 28 (5 lessons 1/week)

Discussion:

- Tuition for 2024-25
 - Enrollment for current students -Week of Feb 19
 - Packets will go out- Feb 12
 - Open enrollment Feb 26-?

- 2.) Tuition Increase- Finance Committee to review possible increase and bring back recommendations to next board meeting.
- 3.) Salary-Finance Committee to review possible salary increases.
- 4.) Dinner Auction-Liz Wemple and Jeff Robinson will assist with getting sponsorships.

Ethan made a motion to go into closed session, Chad seconded.

Chad made a motion to leave closed session, Ethan seconded.

Chad made a motion to approve the \$7500 stipend for IT analyst position, Val seconded, motion passed.

Ethan made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm, Betsy seconded, motion passed.