

VisionWay Christian School

Regular Board Meeting

Agenda

November 27, 2023

Meeting Convenes at 6:00pm

Prayer was provided by Steve Basham.

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

Guests: Charlotte Campbell, Dave Wamsely, Sam Depue, Marshall

Community Address: There was discussion around school report card and school educational tools.

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

Minutes for October 2023

Financial report for October 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.) Finance-Budget Proposal-No new information provided at this time.
- 2.) Summary of TCC-VCS Joint Meeting-The school and church are working together to purchase a new van/bus depending on cost and license needed to operate. There was also discussion around how to make the annual school auction more successful. Several ideas were discussed (ex. Venu location, Caterer, Ticket Costs, ect.).

New Business:

- 1.) School Evaluation Tool/Report Card: Ideas discussed to include were the following:

- Track Balanced Budget
- Track the number of kids who attend TCC
- MAP Testing scores compared to State Scholar (ACT, SAT scores)
- Public Service
- Staff Retention
- Implementation of Career Day
- Have VCS alumni as speakers at graduation
- How are we tracking our goals as a school/board
- The school's 3-5 year plan

Ethan made a motion to table the school evaluation until the next meeting in December, Val second, motion passed.

2.) Curriculum:

A.) IL State Scholar

B.) MAP Testing

The Curriculum Committee recommends starting a school enrichment program based off student's GPAs. The grades who would be participating are 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and the jr. high school. The program would occur on Mondays and Fridays. The goal is to start this program January 1, 2024.

Valerie made a motion to accept the Curriculum Committee's recommendation, Betsy second, motion passed.

3.) Volunteer Recruitment: Finding volunteers to help with different activities throughout the school year has been difficult. The school really needs volunteers who can be consistent. Kim is going to send out an email weekly asking for volunteer help.

4.) Executive Committee Recommendation: The committee's recommendation regarding the 4-year-old preschool room cap is the following, the school is within state requirements, and we will continue forward with our current action plan.

5.) Marketing Committee: There will be a PIE MTG 12/7 at 6pm. The committee is discussing a potential tuition ticket raffle to help raise money for the auction. It will be presented in the December meeting.

October PIE REPORT:

Popcorn sales

-About a 2,000\$ increase in fundraising money.

Family fun events.

Our goal is to create fellowship among VisionWay families. And for kids to enjoy time with their peers.

-Fall festival.

-Turkey Trot

...Upcoming...

- Christmas store
- Christmas movie @ theater
- Date Night for parents- kids fun night @school
- daddy/daughter dance
- mom/son nerf war

**Busy year for PIE!** But we felt the need to bring families together. We hope it's fun. And we can continue some, or all events in following years.

#### Book Fair

Change in company. Blue Ribbon book fair. Based out of Bloomington. Growing company providing books for Christian schools. Eliminating their worries with Scholastic's choices. Good turn out! Fun for kids!

#### Teacher bonuses

PIE has \$20,000 rolling over each summer. Want to maximize where we can help the school with parents and donors hard work to allow these funds to exist.

#### Night of Hope

Never too early to plan! Date set March 16th @Pillars

Would love input on receiving high quality live auction items, and getting more families to come to the event. (Examples: sending home tickets, competition for ticket sales, etc)

6.) Admin Report:

#### **Administration Report**

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#### **Upcoming events:**

- Christmas Program December 8 1:30 and 7:00 PM
  - STAGE set up? Needs to be done by Dec. 4 (latest) for practice on Tues., Dec 5.
  - Chairs ordered. Will need help at the end of the 7:00 PM program with chairs. Chair cost is up to \$717. (delivery \$280)
- Junior High Retreat- December 12 1:00-3:00
  - Special speaker, Mrs. Sue Althoff will share some insights into the challenges and rewards of multigrade instruction.
- Celebrate Recovery meal provided by VCS Staff

#### **Updates:**

- Kindergarten effect on learning when core instruction (math, reading/phonics) is offered in small groups in 2 different locations.
  - Level of engagement
  - Level of achievement
- PreSchool 3 -move
- Additional assistant in Prek-4 group working 3 mornings per week. Extra set of hands is invaluable! Staff is thankful for the addition of Mrs. Markwell
- Steve and I met with Jenny Bell regarding the lunch program. Price will be raised to \$3.25 including milk (.40). The primary group will be able to get a PBJ (half) if they have eaten lunch and are still hungry. Portion size of some entrees will be increased with the increased revenue. (Ex 1 sausage link to 2)
- Shelves have been built by Paul Franklin and an LED light was installed by James Cole in the PE office.
- Playground upkeep and maintenance list was completed by James Cole. We will be adding 3 tetherball poles to the playground. James is refurbishing them and new tether balls have been purchased.
- Mrs. Beckmier taught a PE unit to grades k-5 on playground equipment use and physical fitness and safety. Therefore, the monkey bars have been reinstated!

#### **Information:**

- Down the Hall - highlighting the enrichment opportunities provided by classroom teachers throughout the school this month.
  - 2nd grade We read a story about a class that takes a field trip to a cave. For enrichment we used the IPADS to take a virtual field trip to Son Doong cave in Vietnam. We also used EPIC to read additional books about caves. Students were assigned different books about caves to read based on their reading level.
  - 1st graders are writers! Currently, they are learning all about "How to Writing". Students will be writing their own how-to-books to understand what procedural nonfiction is. Last, students will begin to implement transition words in their writing as well.
  - Fourth grade took a field trip to Love Packages in Butler, IL. They collected many boxes filled with Christian reading material. They spent the day working alongside Steve Schmidt and his crew preparing materials for shipment overseas.
  - In 5th grade on shortened weeks (once per quarter), we integrate our writing curriculum. This year as we explore "The Writing Process," we use different types of writing to work on skills for educational and professional writing in creative and fun ways. The Writing Process is a 4 step plan that can be used for education, professional, and personal writing. It teaches students to; Plan, Write, Rewrite and Edit.
    - Our first experience with this came in the form of creating short stories with writing prompts, incorporating spelling and vocabulary words from each grade's list that week. The writing prompts came in the form of a spinner board that

selects for students things such as theme, plot, main character, and outcome. This led to opportunities to work on forming paragraphs, and using correct grammar.

- This quarter (2nd) we are focusing on scientific writing using the rules of the Writing Process, to help with preparing for the Science Fair research paper next semester.
- In JH science, students were learning about the cell and we extracted DNA from kiwi.
- In geography, we immerse ourselves in Asian culture and the students learned about festivals, music, traditions, dance, and food.
- In baking elective, we have made gauche, truffles, cakes, friendship bread with many different flavors, and glaze to match the breads.
- In JH Bible class we are studying Hebrews and have been looking at the individuals mentioned as great role models of faith.
- In math we got the IXL program last month. To help reinforce the math skills we are learning. The Tuesday before Thanksgiving the 5th graders played Bingo. I gave them math problems to figure out what the number was. i.e.  $N \ 34$  I would say  $N \ 2 \times 17$

7.) Athletic Committee Report: New Backboards for the school gym will be purchased.

8.) Chairman's Report: TCC has committed to purchasing a new van that is driver friendly. PIE has \$16,585 from last year's FUND A NEED and would need additional help or fundraising to purchase a second (15) multi-passenger van.

Adjournment: At 7:20pm Ethan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Valerie second, motion carried.