

VisionWay Christian School

Regular Board Meeting

Agenda

January 23, 2024

The meeting convenes at 6pm.

Minutes for December 2023

Prayer was provided by Renee Brown.

Attendance: Betsy Sharp, Ben Althoff, Ethan Brown, Val Lilly, Matt Corso, Renee Brown, Kim Cook, Dave Tapscott, Jessie Repscher, Brian Burge

Guests: David Wamsley

Community Address: The board thanked Mr. Wamsley for keeping the walkways cleared during our snowy and icy weather. Mr. Wamsley also wanted to recognize students at VisionWay for showing their kindness and concern towards others during a difficult time. An accident occurred at the school and right away students were asking to pray for the individuals involved.

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

Minutes for December 2023

Financial report for December 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:

Three Pillars:

A.) Religion: Previously the board requested that LeAnn Jones gather information about number of students who attend TCC and students who attend other churches within the community. Matt will follow-up with LeAnn on status of survey and when we can expect the survey to go out to VisionWay families.

B.) Finance: Scoring

-A: Have a balanced budget

-B: Multiple of +5

-C: Multiple of 4.9-3.0

-D: Multiple of 2.9-2.1

-F: Multiple of less than 2

-\$102,072 Budget; Cash in the bank on 12/31/23= \$393,329.41 \square 3.853 score=C

-Assets are down from \$424,204.20 from the month before

-Donations are down 21%

ACTION PLAN:

-Increase School Lunch

-Increase Tuition

Targeted Staff Payroll Increase

C.) Academics: Curriculum Committee will meet to discuss

New Business:

1.) AD Presentation-Mr. Mann: The current AD responsibilities include making basketball schedules, secure officials for games, coverage for concessions. The AD also makes the gym scheduled for practices, games, ect. The AD is also in charge of the supplies for concessions. The AD is always in attendance for home games to help/assist with the opposing team. The AD secures coaches for different sports, ensures IESA rules and guidelines are carried out. Some projects our AD has completed are new uniforms for the girls' basketball and volleyball. He has also gotten new volleyballs and volleyball cart, pool arms to retrieve balls, arm pads to practice contact drills, and new basketballs for the little warriors' program. Some accomplishments that our AD has been apart of are first 7th grade volleyball regional win, ACSI basketball tournament, 6th grade girls received 4th place for basketball in 2023, and the 5th grade girls had a great season with only one loss. Improvements our AD would like to make in the future are hosting basketball camps, more pictures taken during the games/players, sell old uniforms as a fundraiser, live stream home games, and better storage solution for equipment.

- 2.) Marketing Committee: Recently brochures were sent home with students in their backpacks highlighting ways people could sponsor, donate, and support the school for the upcoming spring auction March 16th at the Pillars. The caterer for the auction has been secured and Angelo's will be providing the food. Tickets Sales for the auction will begin Jan 23-March 5th. The cost of tickets is \$50/person. PIE will also be having a Tuition Raffle to help raise money for our auction. Tickets will be available beginning of February. The tickets will cost \$100/ticket and only 200 will be sold. The winner will be announced the night of the auction. VisionWay will also be hosting the Little Warriors Basketball games on 3/2/24 and we would like to open the building up to our visitors to show what opportunities VisionWay can provide to other families in the community. The jr. high teachers and student council will help coordinate activities and have light refreshments available.
- 3.) Teacher professional development opportunities: Lincoln Christian Professor, Frank Dicken to help with spiritual development (4 sessions/1 hour each session). ROE (Regional Office of Education)-They will have their meeting in October. This would allow staff to go and receive professional development CPU's. Renee's recommendation is having one professional development day per year for each teacher.
- 4.) Hot Lunch Cost: The current cost of lunch is \$2.60 (milk included). The Finance Committee is proposing to increase the cost to \$4.25 (milk included). If a student wants extra, the cost would be \$0.75. There has not been an increase in over two years. Dave made a motion to increase our current lunch cost from \$2.60 (milk included) to \$3.50 (milk included) at the start of the new quarter, Ethan second, motion carries.
- 5.) IL Personal Time Off Policy Regulations as of 1/1/2024-Tabled, Personnel Committee to review details and bring back recommendations.
- 6.) Celebrate Recovery Dinner-This is held at the Davis Memorial Church once per month for anyone who is having a difficult time. It's a free meal and fellowship. VisionWay School board and Elder board have collaborated and provided a meal many times throughout the years. This year the VCS board will provide the meal on March 12th at 5:30pm.
- 7.) Administration Report:
UPCOMING EVENTS:
 - Teacher In-Service 1:00 dismissal Jan 31. Mapping Curriculum
 - Swimming (4-5th grade) lessons at the YMCA begin Feb. 6, 2024
 - Feb. 19th NO SCHOOL
 - March 8th End of the 3rd Quarter

UPDATES:

- MAP Testing-Winter Session
- New Learning Environments: Pre-School 3 and Kindergarten

INFORMATION:

- Evaluations Continue-Goal is to finish by February 28, 2024
- Enrollment has decreased due to:
 - 1 Family Moved
 - 1 Disciplinary Action and No Communication
 - 1 Family Choice
- YMCA Swim Lessons:
 - Grades 4/5th
 - Feb.28-Mar. 6 (5 lessons 1/week)
- Bob Jones Literature and Language Curriculum review grades 5-8th (Curriculum Committee to review)
- FUND A NEED:
 - New concrete added to the play area to avoid using the front parking lot
- DISCUSSION:
 - Tuition for 24-25
 - Packets will go home for current students the week of Feb 19th.
 - Open Enrollment will be Feb. 26th-?

Dave made a motion to go into closed session, Ethan second.

Dave made a motion to leave the closed session, Ethan second.

Brian made a motion to follow the Finance Committee's recommendation to increase tuition by 10%, Val Second, motion carried.

Adjournment: Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, Dave second, motion carried.

1/30/24 AMENDMENT: Due to multiple costs happening at the same time, PIE has decided to wait, and kick off the Tuition Raffle at the Night of Hope Auction. The raffle will be announced, and tickets will be available for purchase that evening. This will allow more time for families to purchase a ticket. The winner will be announced prior to the end of the school year. Tickets will still be \$100/ticket and only 200 tickets will be sold.

