

VisionWay Christian School Regular Board Meeting  
November 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
Opening Prayer provided by Dave Tapscott

**ATTENDANCE:**

Renee Brown, Dave Tapscott, Val Lilly, Ben Althoff, Ethan Brown, Steve Basham, Lyndsay Schneider, Betsy Sharp

**GUESTS:** none

**COMMUNITY ADDRESS:** none

**CONSENT TO AGENDA & PREVIOUS MONTHS MEETING MINUTES:**

Ethan made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes, Betsy seconded, motion carried.

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**Financial Reports Submitted:** October 2024

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE-** Steve Basham – all is running as expected at this point in the year, looking ahead we expect December tuition to come in as usual. Currently running better to budget compared to this time last year.

**PERSONNEL / HOSPITALITY** - Dave – Welcome back Kim!

**MARKETING** -Ben Althoff - recent meeting with parents of 4,5,6 grade parents honing in on what keeps families returning to VCS

**CURRICULUM** - Val – looking ahead to combined classes for jr. high/ high school and wanting to have no more than 2 grades per teacher. Each teacher is working on a scope/sequence of their teaching for mastery & introduction for their grade.

**BUILDING / GROUNDS** - Austin -

**ATHLETIC / SPORTS** -Ben - New popcorn machine purchased, 8th grade night for basketball went well, St. Mary's basketball league interest is in conversation versus staying with South Fork. Flyers will be sent home soon.

**ELDERS REPORT** – Matt Corso –

**CHAIRMAN REPORT** - Dave - Outlook for enrollment is looking great. Continuing to look forward to a structure ready for growth and to be fast acting.

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OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

### **Administration Report**

#### **Upcoming events:**

- Thanksgiving Holiday begins Wednesday, November 27, 2024. Classes resume December 2, 2024
- Christmas Program K-8 December 13, 2024 1:30 PM and 7:00 PM
- 2:00 PM Dismissal December 20, 2024 - No Aftercare
- VCS December board meeting December 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- Christmas Break December 23 - January 6, 2025.
- Teacher In-service January 6, 2025- CPR. Those not participating in CPR will attend an ASCI Professional Development Webinar entitled "Equipping Students for Christ-Centered Lives".
- Students return January 7, 2025

#### **Updates:**

- Enrollment - 159
- Teacher Evaluation Process
- Athletic Program - need more parent volunteers @ concessions & admission table
- Kindergarten schedule
- Chairs ordered for program from Noonan's True Value
- Field trips to date

#### **Information:**

- Stage set up on Sunday, December 8- please - need volunteers
- Second semester music
- Down the Hall
- During 3rd Grade Science class we have been digging into health and nutrition.
- We have made butter, used the butter and butter milk to make honey whole wheat bread in which we used the butter again on the bread.
- Science: discussed vitamins and minerals and which foods contain what/ways to consume these:
- We made 2 different smoothies. (Kids likes Green Passion Smoothie better than Strawberry banana)
- In 3rd Grade English: We have been learning about time order writing as well as giving specific details within writing: giving directions how to make pb&j....using student-written directions to demonstrate importance of detail as well as time order directions.
- In Kindergarten: We've been working on fall themed crafts, curriculum, and centers. We're adding fall themed activities to our curriculum for enrichment and to make things interesting! We had our Big M Pumpkin Patch field trip on the 16th of October!
- The 4th grade class has been learning about social insects like ants, bees, and termites. Wayne Beck, part of the Family Beekeepers of Illinois came in and gave a presentation and allowed the students to see many of the tools used in beekeeping.
- 3-year old preschool has recently started tracing all the letters in their names and we will begin scissor work this week. We have completed many projects that include salt painting the letter C, dino stamping the letter D, q-tip painting and making a letter E Elmo with tissue paper.
- All the way down the hall in the 5th grade room, Miss A's class has been learning all about animal classifications. Right now our emphasis is on the mammal group of animals. At the beginning of the unit, we learned what mammals were and then each

chose our own mammal. While we've been learning all of the terms for classifying mammals, we have been taking notes on whether or not these terms apply to our mammal. At the end of the unit, we are putting a poster together describing our animal using the terms we have learned. Then, we are going to host a party for our parents on Friday afternoon so that they can see our awesome posters!

- Second grade read a story from their reading curriculum about a class that takes a field trip to a cave. Mr. Wamsley then led the students on a virtual field trip using VR headsets. They viewed several different kinds of caves and connected what they learned from virtual reality with what they learned from their story.
- Fun things happening in 1st grade!
  - - Learning about money! One of our strategies we've learned has been called "Hairy Money" :) The kids think this has been great! 1 "hair" = 5 so a quarter gets 5 "hairs" to equal 25, dimes get 2 "hairs," nickels get 1 "hair," and pennies get a bald spot!
  - Interactive Thankful bulletin board - getting students and staff to write what they are thankful for on our Thankful board :)
  - We're going to have a Turkey Station Day coming up! Different station rotations to complete and help Turkey Tom escape before Thanksgiving!
    - Station 1: Turkey ABC Order
    - Station 2: Thankful Turkey
    - Station 3: Turkey Roll and Cover
    - Station 4: Turkey Life Cycle
    - Station 5: Turkey Word Search
    - Station 6: Design a Thanksgiving Menu
    - Station 7: Build a Turkey House
    - Station 8: Turkey Solve the Room – Add and Subtract

**Discussion:**

- Grades 5-8 2025

Enrollment Totals by Class October 2024	by class October 2024				Nov. 2024	
	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22		
Pre-school 3 yr. olds	15	19	12	14		
Pre-K All Day 4yr.Olds	11	16	15	19		
Pre-K – Half Day	16	8	10	8		
<b>Preschool Total</b>	42	43	37	41		
Kindergarten	18	26	24	24		
1st	21	22	20	18		
2nd	20	18	23	22		
3rd	17	22	20	15		
4th	20	19	24	25		
5th	11	14	14	15		
<b>Elementary Total</b>	107	121	125	119		
6th	2	7	7	17		
7th	4	3	6	12		
8th	4	2	10	12		
<b>Jr. High Total</b>	10	12	23	41		
<b>VisionWay Total</b>	159	176	185	196		

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Betsy Made a motion to go into closed session, Steve Seconded, motion passed.

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 Ethan made a motion to end closed session, Betsy seconded, motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ben made a motion to adjourn.

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**Regular board meetings will occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, unless otherwise stated.**