

ALIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 12, 2008

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Tim Laatsch, Jerry Spilker, Mark Suckow, Kurt Wolff, Corey Guy, Craig Wolff, Nathan Scholes, Ron Ohnesorge, Jon Becker.

Others Present: Gail Traub, Ruth Ann Spilker, Pastor Vail, Pastor Schuessler, Judy Milleville, Wes Jones, Mary Hendricks, Pastor Speers.

Opening Devotions: Pastor Vail. Lessons from the book of Nehemiah.

Wish to Speak: Letter from Cathy Corder and Vera Schroeder from Frog Pond, requesting that we hold the rent at the current level of \$200/month.

Secretary's Minutes: Minutes from the April 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved with the following corrections:

- Change "purchase" to "review" regarding math curriculum.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report reviewed and approved as presented, with the following notes:

- Variance column added to Profit and Loss Budget Performance to help identify items for further analysis.
- 130-1 Miscellaneous Account detailed for explanation of variance. Large expenses included 2 catered meals and tax services from Henley and Associates.
- 20-1 Administrative Account detailed for explanation of variance. Copy paper was previously in 120-4 Books and Registration liability account. Under-budgeted.
- NLSA Accreditation Expenses. Total \$2938.86.
- Lunch program software crashed today. Backup records back to April 9. Need new lunch program software. Net positive balance now, due to previously incorrect double payment of taxes.

Athletic Director's Report: Wes Jones presented a written report to the Board.

- No students ineligible this month
- Next year's sports are set.
- 7 students qualified for IESA State Track.
- 15 students will be going to the LSA Track Meet this year. Wes to chaperone.
- Wes to schedule a meeting with the Extracurricular Committee to review the Athletic Handbook.

Technology Report: The Board reviewed a written report submitted by Carl Benning.

- Sold 7 older computers for \$50 each to the Spanish Club.
- Wireless option to cafeteria still being researched. Leaning toward hard cable.

Principal's Report: Gail Traub presented a report to the Board.

- Thanks for sending staff to the Lutheran Education Convocation.
- Discipline Report.
- June 16-18 Principals Conference.
- Iowa Test Results are in and every class on average is above their grade equivalent.
- Driver resigned for next year. Recruit bulletins and Rocket Review.
- A student in 5th grade this year will be attending Beecher City next year.

PTL Report: New officers were elected. President Carrie Wharton, Vice President Ann Robinson, Secretary Susan Becker, Treasurer Annie Guerrettaz.

Committee Reports

- **Finance:** Direct deposit implemented April 30, 2008.
- **Curriculum:** No activity to report.
- **Extra-Curricular:** No activity to report. Handbook revisions to be distributed ahead of June Board meeting. Wes to coordinate meeting.
- **Maintenance:** Scheduled for Wed, May 14, 6:30 PM.
- **Personnel:** No activity to report. No meeting required.
- **Scholarship:** Meeting held Apr 16 at 8:00 PM. Policy drafted and circulated to the CID for review and comment. Issues are volunteer service requirements, academic standards, and discipline policy. Volunteer service mandate is not consistent with mission, but retain language to “encourage”. Board retains discretion to revoke based on disciplinary standards. Committee to revise draft and circulate for review prior to June meeting.
- **Special Committees**
 - **Fund Raising:** No activity to report. Thrivent Giving Plus, 43 donors gave \$17,715.
 - **Endowment Committee:** No activity to report.
 - **NLSA:** Steering Committee currently reviewing recommendations to bring before the Board. Next meeting June 3, 2008.

Old Business

1. Discuss use of the gift from stock which is \$4037.93. Discussion to use for scholarships and fire safety equipment. Tabled until goals are defined.
2. Derek Lowry Memorial. Discuss use of bell and intercom system, but cost exceeds available funds. Tabled until goals are defined.

New Business

1. Scholarship Committee Recommendations. See above.
2. “Integrating Technology in the Classroom” staff development request for Judy Milleville, Kathy Maske, and Gail Traub for summer 2008. **Motion** made and

- seconded to allow all three individuals to attend the course, with cost of \$1350 to be allocated from Thrivent. Motion carried.
3. Smart Board. **Motion** made and seconded to use Derek Lowry Memorial Fund to purchase SmartBoard for Judy Milleville's room based on provided quote of \$2429, with balance of cost to come from Frog Pond. Motion carried. Gail to contact family for final approval.
 4. Reach Out Program Survey. No action will be taken on this program.
 5. Fast Direct school information service. \$12/student/year. Tabled. Gail to set up demonstration.
 6. Safety Bids. Tabled to next month.
 7. NLSA Costs. **Motion** made and seconded to transfer \$2938.86 from Thrivent to the Combined Account to cover the full expenses associated with NLSA accreditation. Motion carried.
 8. Desk Purchase. Gail to provide bids in June.
 9. 8th Grade Graduation – May 28th at 7:30 PM.
 10. Thrivent expenditures summary report requested for congregation information. Mary to provide in June.
 11. Playground Signs. "No Trespassing" signs have been stolen. Police officer recommends a sign affixed to the building and a security camera.
 12. Frog Pond Rent. **Motion** made and seconded to offer a continuation of the current rental rate of \$200/month for the 2008-2009 school year for Frog Pond. Motion carried.
 13. Temporary Head Cook. **Motion** made and seconded to compensate assistant cook at the pay rate of head cook during the period that she serves as interim head cook, retroactive to first day served in that capacity. Motion carried.

Executive Session

The Board entered and exited Executive Session.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy P. Laatsch
Secretary