

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday April 5, 2018 at 8.00pm

Minutes

1. Welcome

-Chairman Joel Veurink welcomes everyone to the meeting.

2. Opening Devotions

-Joel V. reads I Corinthians 13:1-13

-We sing "Trust and Obey"

-Joel V. opens with prayer.

3. Minutes of Fall Membership Meeting approval

-Minutes of meeting held November 6, 2017 are read.

-Motion to accept the minutes made by Henry Janssens, seconded by Allan Boyes

-Motion carries

-Joel V. explains that there was no input from the membership in regards to the TRIP program and so the existing TRIP funds will be disbursed.

-Joel V. thanks everyone who had a hand in running the TRIP program.

4. Board Report

-Joel V. highlights key items in board report.

5. Leadership Team Report

-Peter Himanen highlights key items in Leadership Team report

6. Presentation of the proposed 2018/2019 operating budget

-Treasurer Shawn Jaspers presents and highlights key items in the proposed budget.

-Shawn J. explains that money was saved in the area of teacher salaries by reducing teaching time in the high school to part time.

-Shawn J. explains need for repairing the roof and explains that finance has approached the CRC extension fund for a loan to pay for the roof repairs.

7. **Motion:** "That the proposed Operating Budget for the 2018/2019 school year be accepted."

-Made by Mark Bolt, seconded by Kevin Mol.

-**Motion:** "To amend the proposed operating budget to reduce the High School extra tuition amount to \$4000.00 from \$4400.00" Made by Jonathan Bakker, Seconded by Janette Meijaard

-Fritz Jaspers asks how the High School students will be able to be at the school for full days.

-Peter Himanen explains that they will be taught their courses in the morning and in the afternoon they will have time to work on correspondence courses and may be able to join some phys ed. classes.

-Fred Breukelman speaks in favor of the amendment.

-Arnold Breukelman asks if the High School extra tuition should be \$4200.00 to go along with the other raises in tuition.

-Joel V. explains that the motion at hand is being discussed.

-Joel V. notes that the \$800 taken from the budget could go to the deficit drive.

-Motion to amend proposed budget carries

-Original motion now reads “That the proposed operating budget for the 2018/2019 year with amendment to lower high school extra tuition from \$4,400.00 to \$4,000.00 be accepted.”

-Motion carries

8. Changes to membership by-laws reading #3

-Joel V. reads the proposed changes to by-laws concerning membership.

-Motion: “To accept the proposed changes to the society by-laws concerning membership”

-Made by Jonathan Bakker, Seconded by Arend Janssens

-Angela Gysen asks what will happen with the membership fee due to the elimination of the associate membership.

-Joel V. explains that the board will look into this.

-Carol Janssens asks what committees will not require membership.

-Joel V. explains that the Bazaar/Skate-a-thon, Twice as Nice and Booster Club committees will not require membership. This is to allow those who wish to volunteer their time an opportunity to help. Committees that deal with the governance of the school will still require membership.

-Motion Carries

**** Coffee Break ****

9. Tiered Tuition Information Presentation

-Shawn Jaspers explains possible Tiered Tuition model for TBCS for information.

-The board would like input from the membership on this matter and plan to send out a survey to gather information.

-Connie Dykstra asks if bursaries for large families who may have a hard time affording the raise in tuition have been looked at.

-Shawn J. answers that tuition assistance could be used in these cases.

-Connie suggests that bursaries be explored.

-Fritz Jaspers asks how many OACS schools use tiered tuition.

-Shawn J. replies that most schools only give that information out to those who are registering their children. A large number of schools that were researched use some form of tiered tuition.

-Shawn J. states that the tuition rates would not be out of reach for large families and would be more affordable for smaller families.

10. Appointment of Auditors – Angela Gysen and Aaron Breukelman

Motion to accept auditors made by Shawn Jaspers, Seconded by Mark Bolt.

-Motion carries.

11. In Memoriam - Recognition of Ron Perrier, Anne Toering, Les Szelekovszky, and Anna Campbell

12. General Matters

-Amy Breukelman outlines some issues affecting Christian schools in Alberta and asks for prayers of support for those schools fighting for their rights as Christian educators.

-Carol Janssens asks what bibles the school is using. She has concerns about the new NIV version and its handling of gender neutrality.

-Joel Veurink answers that he understands that the bibles being used are the older version of the NIV

-Jonathan Bakker states that the bibles being used in the classroom are the newer version of the NIV and have been in use for several years.

-Emily Bakker states that the bibles given out at graduation are the newer NIV's as well.

-Joel V. states that the board will look into this matter.

13. Motion to Adjourn

-Made by Devin Breukelman, Seconded by Jonathan Bakker.

-Motion carries

14. Closing Song

-We sing "He Leadeth Me"

15. Closing Prayer – Eric Bron