

Canyonside Christian School, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
PUBLIC Minutes

September 8, 2009

Individuals Present: Sharon Bettencourt, Chuck Hilt, Mark de Jong, Dan Kuka, Susie Millenkamp, Bryan Slusher, Sarah Weg and Jamie Shetler.

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Approval of Minutes from August BOD Meeting** – A motion was made to accept the August Board of Directors minutes. MSC
3. **Men’s Ministry** ó Robert Kohler presented to the BOD about his desire to begin a Men’s Ministry for CCS. He stated that he would like to provide an opportunity for CCS men to gather and study scripture together. He stated that he would like to begin such a ministry in the near future. His Ministry would include gathering on Saturday mornings approximately twice a month. Mr. Kohler stated that the ministry would not be church affiliated and would welcome men from area local churches. After much discussion, a motion was made to table the formulation of a CCS Men’s Ministry lead by Mr. Kohler until the October meeting. MSC
4. **Parental and Community Concerns** – No parental and and/or community concerns were brought to the Board.
5. **Committee Updates**
 - A. **Marketing Committee**
 1. **CCS Back-to-School Barbeque & Open House** – The CCS Back-to-School BBQ and Open House was discussed. The Board received a lot of great feedback from families and staff. The BOD received a few suggestions on how to make the event more successful including: extending the allotted time for parents and children in the classroom and holding the event the Thursday or Friday before school starts. Overall, the feedback to Board members was very positive. The Board decided to pursue additional opportunities and activities for CCS families to engage in fellowship together.
 2. **KMVT Scholastic Spotlight** – Mr. Kuka and Mrs. VandenBosch were recorded on the KMVT Scholastic Spotlight. This broadcast will air on September 28th at 6:30 a.m.
 3. **CCS Newsletter** ó CCS will be having a monthly newsletter and the first draft will be available in September. A name your newsletter contest will take place during the first months of school. A sample outline of the newsletter was provided and includes information about upcoming events, a principal’s corner, updates from each of the classrooms, a student and teacher spotlight and information about school needs.

4. **Next Meeting** ó The Marketing Committee's next meeting is set for September 22 at CCS. If you are interested in participating on the Marketing Committee, please notify Sarah Weg at 420-7120.
- B. **PTF** ó PTF President, Renee DeJong held a meeting on September 8, 2009. At that meeting, PTF agreed to donate \$2000 to go toward technology improvements at CCS. The BOD commended PTF for their generosity and fundraising efforts. Mr. Kuka will provide PTF with a detailed list of how the monies will be spent.
6. **Summer Excel Review & Extended EXCEL Hours** –Mr. Kuka reported that the summer EXCEL program was a success. After payroll and expenses, the program netted approximately \$3300 and was deemed a success by families who participated. The BOD also discussed extending EXCEL hours during the Holidays for families in need of daycare. This service will be provided at an extra charge. .
7. **CCS BOD Elections** ó The CCS BOD expressed their gratitude toward Chick Hilt and Sharon Bettencourt for their outstanding efforts serving on the CCS BOD. Both of their terms will end on October 5th. BOD nominations are due back on September 11, 2009. Individuals who have been nominated will be contacted during the week of September 14 ó 18th. BOD ballots will be sent out to CCS families on Friday, September 18th and will be due back by 3:00 p.m. on September 25th. New BOD members will be announced on September 28, 2009.
8. **Administrator Updates** – Mr. Kuka provided the BOD with an update on school related matters. His update included information related to recent school activities, current enrollment figures, facility maintenance updates, CCS staff updates, curriculum updates and back-to-school planning. A copy of the administrator report can be obtained by contacting Mr. Kuka.
9. **CCS Curriculum Updates**
 - A. **Technology** - Mr. Kuka stated that Ms. LeAnna began her technology curriculum over the past few weeks. CCS will be following state standards and integrating technology into as many projects as possible within the upper grades. Mr. Kuka has discussed with CCS faculty the BOD's commitment to technology and emphasis on technology for the coming year. Mr. Kuka and Ms. LeAnna will keep CCS families updated on what is happening during technology.
 - B. **Chapel** ó The BOD has asked Mr. Kuka to provide a curriculum and monthly theme for Chapel. Information will be provided to parents regarding chapel themes, related memory verses, scripture, etc. The overall chapel theme for the year will be "Giving Thanks." A spiritual emphasis week will begin on September 21, 2009.
10. **CCS Grant Process Update** – Mr. Kuka has sent out approximately 18 letters of inquiry to potential donors. Mr. Kuka will participate in an initial consultation with MetaSoft regarding the grant process on Friday, September 11th.

11. **Magic Valley High School Cheerleader Camp Request** ó Mr. Kuka stated that he had been contacted by the Magic Valley Cheerleaders who would like to put on another mini-cheer camp later this year. The BOD approved the cheerleader's request.

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12. **Staff and Personnel Updates** – Staff and personnel updates were discussed.
13. **Financial Update** - Sharon Bettencourt provided the BOD with an in-depth look at CCS's current financial state. Booklets were provided to BOD members and all spending and family accounts were reviewed.
14. **Next Meeting**- The next BOD meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2009 at 4:00 in the CCS Library.
15. **Closing Prayer**