

September 21, 2009 – RCCS School Board Minutes

Present: Tim Befus, Bob Cerniglia, Linda Hutson, Philip Allen, Shelly Cronin, Joe Irving, Todd Townsend, Linda Ross, Bill Muether.

Absent: Eric Rankins

Guests: Tory Ryan and his grandmother, Mrs. Toni Ryan. Tory was recognized as RCCS student of the month for September.

Meeting began with devotions led by Bill on 2 Timothy 3. He opened the meeting with prayer.

Tim presented the Administrator's Report. Highlight's included:

- New Sycamore website for accessing school information (e.g. calendar, grades, billing, hot lunch menus, Yes hours, communication between staff and families) was discussed. RCCS will continue to use the school website (www.rccs.us) for general information.
- School had a good turnout at the Labor Day parade and won a trophy. The recent teas and orientations went well. Upcoming events include Grandparent's Day and the Fall Association Meeting.
- The financial report was discussed. School has a projected shortfall of \$27,000. Pray that this year's fundraising events will shrink this deficit and that there be good participation by all. School is looking for volunteers to help with grant research.

The upcoming apple pie fundraiser was discussed. Committee is working on donations from local orchards and is working hard to assure this major fundraiser is a success. More information to follow.

Mr. Kevin Thompson discussed his proposal to include in our Statement of Faith, Ephesians 2: 8-9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." The board overwhelmingly approved this amendment and it will be formally presented at the Fall Association Meeting for ratification by majority vote.

Team Reports:

Academic Excellence – highlights from the last meeting on Sep. 9th were discussed which included its strategic plan priorities for the 2009-2010 school year. Curriculum review in accordance with ACSI accreditation, advance placement classes, cross-curriculum teaching opportunities, extra-curricular activities, a fine arts program and expanded athletic program are areas the committee will work on this year. More information will be provided at the Fall Association Meeting.

Spiritual Maturity – New members are onboard. Committee will begin planning the next prayer concert at their September 26th meeting. Community service projects will be presented at the meeting and the committee will use press releases to promote our school's community spirit. Mission trip in Costa Rica scheduled for June. Committee will begin updating RCCS newsletter each week with matters for prayer/praise.

Godly Stewardship – Focus is on fundraising. Committee is looking for more people to assist with grant research. Next meeting is September 22nd.

Community Relations – Committee to determine if communication of upcoming events between school and parents is adequate. Push is for signage in front of school buildings to advertise events. Committee will promote get-togethers with a different community business leader or pastor each month. Fall festival is October 30th. Chili cook-off is November 6th.

Old Business: School board discussed briefly the ACSI accreditation process. Committees to continue working on their strategic plan initiatives with focus towards ACSI accreditation.

New Business: Revise school's Statement of Faith (see above). School board will begin reviewing school policies and revise as necessary.

Board members requested to finish reading Serving God on the Christian School Board by Roy W. Lowrie and Roy W. Lowrie, Jr. and be prepared for discussion at next month's board meeting scheduled for Monday, October 19th, at 6:30 (Beloit campus).

There were no items for the executive portion of the meeting and Phil motioned to adjourn and Shelly seconded.