

Mason County Christian School
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School Board Minutes
December 15, 2010

Those Present:

Jim Snyder, Superintendent	Jim Huff, Board Member
Pastor Glen Keefe, Board Chair	Mike Rieck, Board Member
Kathy Ausetz, Board Member	Pastor Gary Schwarz, FBC
Pastor Ken Nielsen, Board Member	

Pastor Glen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., and opened in prayer.

This is the first meeting of the new school board, and Pastor Glen gave a brief perspective of MCCA and our relationship to First Baptist Church.

Devotion: Pastor Glen presented a devotion taken from I Samuel, Chapters 13 & 14. The basic story was that the Philistines had removed all the blacksmiths from Israel so that the Israelites couldn't make weapons, which reduced their strength as a nation. Satan was trying to remove any potential weapons God could use to support His people. But God allowed the Israelites to gain victory against the Philistines with just Jonathan and his armor bearer. Using this same premise, God will give us victory as we strive to build our school.

School History: Jim shared that MCCA began about 35 years ago in the Skokomish Valley Church. The Skok Church asked Shelton First Baptist to accept the ownership of the school when it moved to the Port of Shelton property. During the early 1990's the students were moved to our present campus. A variety of building projects have taken place during the past 20 years. There does not appear to be very much written history about our school, so Jim will involve our staff and students to come up with a written documentation of the history of MCCA.

Recent History: Pastor Glen brought the board up to date regarding the events of the past year as MCCA struggled with direction and financial concerns. After the past school board reduced its control, an interim board consisting of FBC elders, provided support and direction for the school. MCCA has been operating without a recognized school board since October, 2010.

Superintendent's Report:

- Our school participated in the Giving Fair on parade day. Just over \$100 was given to MCCA.
- There was a very nice turn-out of students and parents for our participation in the Shelton Holiday Parade.
- We have an excellent Christmas program to be presented by the students this Friday, at 7:00 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church.
- The media center from the Educational Service District 113 presented opportunities for the staff to use a variety of internet materials for the classroom. The staff is currently reviewing these sites to see if it will be a valuable resource.

- Our wreath sales have concluded. We will have a profit of just over \$3000, which will be placed in the field trip fund.
- Our hot lunch program is going well. We have several MCCS moms who present a hot meal for the students every Wednesday. The students pay for this meal if they choose to participate.
- The school will provide a Christmas basket to four our families. The students also had a food drive for Thanksgiving which was donated to Saints Kitchen.

Board Manual: Jim distributed the beginnings of a school board manual which contained items such as the school calendar, handbook and financial statements. There were also items that dealt with state law that governs the operation of private schools.

Letter for Financial Appeal: About 75 community members and supporters of MCCS will receive a letter from Jim which seeks financial donations. The board received a copy of this letter.

Future Discussion Topics: Upcoming topics will include finances and debt collection, fund raiser ideas, marketing strategies, and a variety of policies.

Meeting Schedule: At the present time it appears that all of our present board members will be able to meet during the afternoon. We will set Wednesday, January 5, 1:00 p.m., for the next meeting.

Meet the Elders: Pastor Glen mentioned that sometime after the first of the year the FBC elders would like to meet our new school board and present their support for what we are doing. It is anticipated that we would meet in the evening with our spouses.

Final Comments/Questions:

- *Do we offer any sort of support for those families who are struggling with financial commitments?* No, but offering courses for parents in budgeting and finances from a Biblical perspective could be developed.
- We need to be clear about our responsibilities
- Our board needs to develop a unified approach to our decisions
- We need to patch those areas that have potential problems
- Jim will send out the board email addresses

Pastor Glen closed the meeting at 2:40 p.m. with prayer.

Submitted by Jim Snyder

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 5, MCCS staff room, 1:00 p.m.

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