

Bellevue Christian School Board Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Bellevue Christian School was held on Thursday, March 19, 2020, beginning at 6pm via Teams online video session.

Board President, Steve Sirich called the meeting to order. The following directors were present: Scott Lampe, Kirsten Miller, Josh Betts, Steve Sirich, Brock Weedman, Roxanne Kidd, Ruth Burnett, Rich Begert, Annie Duncan, Kelly Curran, and Bill Cox. The following were absent: David Burnett. The following staff/faculty were present: Ann Kats, Vicki Britton, Brenda Fournier, Juliann Phillips, Jennifer Smith, Blake DeYoung, Adam Hart, Kevin Dunning, Christine Satterlee, Amy Fox, Amanda Albright, Trevor Nelson, Mark DeJonge, and Kevin Thomas. The following guests were present: Lon Swartzentruber.

Steve led the group in devotions centered around Isaiah 40:28-31 and how God is sovereign over all things. Annie led the group in prayer and Steve closed.

Upon the closing of prayer, Steve sought and obtained a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2020 board meeting. The motion was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

At this time, Steve turned the meeting over to Kevin Dunning to discuss the Head of School Report. With regards to Covid-19, Kevin is betting we won't be in school the rest of this year. We were in a leadership meeting today to discuss how things will look. Many accolades discussed about how well our roll out has gone. Our website opens with quotes and photos about how well online school is going. We now do a podcast for our Chapel time. Tues-Fri are synchronous, and Monday is asynchronous. Elementary schools do asynchronous, M-W-F they post homework, etc. Preschool teachers make videos and post them.

Blake added in that we might be in the unique position of doing something a lot better than anybody else is doing it right now. Ruth added her commendation for rolling this out. Praying for our students as the novelty wears off. There will be a survey going out this next week for parents, students, as well as teachers to quickly gather information and ideas for improvements.

As far as enrollment, we've picked up a couple of kids since the report we sent you. We are looking into a virtual open house. Jennifer is in one we are going to look at tonight. We discussed enrollment and class sizes over the last few years and thoughts about how to configure things for the 2020-2021 school year. This will develop as the spring goes through. The messages that we did for Spirit 105.3 were quite good and people enjoyed them.

Regarding the auction, we are moving it to online forum. It is in the works right now. Good prognosis for our online auction from feedback from other schools that

went online and still brought in the same monies that were expected at an in person auction.

Our Strategic Planning had some “pauses” these last few weeks. We had to cancel many sessions with Lon and Matt due to Covid-19. By April 8th you should have a draft, and the final feedback on April 16th. At our May meeting we will be looking for the approval. Steve wants to be clear that there was a timeline in front of Lon and Matt and that the draft was due today, but Covid-19 affected the date. Updated timeline should be no issue. Appreciate your grace and patience in the waiting.

Only a couple Administrative Recommendations to discuss tonight. There is a need to add a bylaw for allowing us to vote electronically to avoid another meeting if we can't meet in person for any time in the future. Kevin will get the verbiage to you as quickly as it is written. We are also looking at auxiliary involvements and what is allowed, etc. See paperwork for updates. Highlighted updates from Kevin to make them clearer to be sent to Steve. We will vote in April on both.

At this time, Steve called for a small break in the regular session at 7:18.

A motion to move to executive session after a short break was requested. A motion was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

After the executive meeting adjourned, general session resumed briefly as Steve encouraged feedback and communication during this virtual time. He expressed his appreciation for everyone's patience and reminded the board to lift each other up in prayer.

A motion to adjourn the general session was requested. A motion was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, April 16, 2020 - Board Meeting, 6:00pm, Three Points Elementary
Thursday, May 14, 2020 – Corporation Dinner/Meeting, 5:00pm, Clyde Hill
Board Meeting, 6:00pm, Clyde Hill

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Kidd, Secretary

Steve Sirich, President