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Chairman's Report

Dear Members of the Cornerstone Christian School Community:

A hearty "welcome back" to all students, staff, parents and volunteers for the 2016/17 school year at Cornerstone Christian School!

This marks our 15th year of operation, and in just a short time, we'll be right back in the thick of things again!

Over the summer, our paths diverged, while many members of the CCS community enjoyed summer vacation.... in fact, it'd be interesting to see a map that showed how broadly we all were dispersed over the summer. Hopefully, each of you and your families were able to enjoy the summer and the break from routine that it affords. And now, as summer winds down, a new school year approaches, and we look forward with anticipation to what it will bring!

It is great to be able to welcome back our entire teaching staff from last year! We wish you the Lord's blessing in your work this coming year, and we thank him for what he provides us in a dedicated and caring staff. Thanks for your work and dedication!

I'd like to extend a special welcome to 3 families who will be sending their oldest to first grade for the first time.... Jon and Janice Dykstra (Emily), Raymond and Ranelle Faber (Ryland), and Kam and Michelle Veldman (Carson). On behalf of the entire CCS community - we're excited for you!

On behalf of the school board, I wish all students, staff, parents and volunteers a great school year!

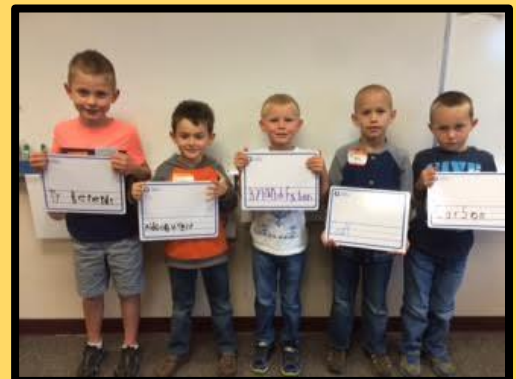
In conclusion, we thank the Lord for His continued provision for us, and we ask for His continued blessing on us as a school society.

On behalf of the school board,
Cason VanDriel



Welcome to first grade

Annemarie, Emily, Maleah,
Ellie, Ty, Aiden, Ryland,
Cody & Carson!



Short Reports of the Board

Short Report, Cornerstone Christian School Board July 25, 2016

The chairman, C. Vandriel, opened with a reading of Psalm 1 and prayer. The minutes from Part I of the June 6th meeting were approved with no changes.

The agenda was adopted with minor changes.

Several items of incoming mail were received and dealt with appropriately.

Darryn Kleyn shared his latest Principal's Report with the board. Items of focus included summer coursework by a member of the staff on the development of an AP Biology course. Details of this summer coursework will be presented to the Ed Comm for potential, future opportunity for students seeking college credit in high school. Feedback from the senior graduation ceremony and banquet was provided and discussed.

K. Veldman reported on behalf of the SMA regarding the current status of a staff member's H1-B visa.

R. Faber provided a report from the CBM. The report highlighted considerations for the purchase of a mulcher for the lawn mower, widening plans for the front sidewalk, proposed costs for the upgrade of the science room cabinets to locking cabinets, and the replacement of the automatic flushing mechanisms on the toilets with manual levers.

Under General Matters, the Board reviewed its annual calendar and noted that things are tracking

well. The Board reviewed the proposed agenda for the upcoming Big Picture meeting of the Board.

Action items were reviewed and the next regular meeting was set for September 6th at 7:30pm. The annual "big-picture" meeting was rescheduled for September 13th at 7:30pm.

The principal was thanked for his work and left the meeting.

After a short break, the meeting continued with the approval of Part II of the minutes from the June meeting. There were no changes. The agenda was also adopted with no changes.

Incoming mail was reviewed and dealt with appropriately.

The treasurer, S. Hofford, shared his report. Items of focus included a proposed revision to the Annual Self-Evaluation draft document, an update on a financial matter involving a staff member, questions regarding how to best allocate the money passed along from the Keystone Project. Suggestions were given and the Board will give this further attention at the next meeting.

The SMA reported on research regarding a potential employee benefit offering. Further research is required.

Action items were reviewed.

R. Faber closed the meeting with prayer.



Treasurer Report

As of August 1, we officially began the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Our bookkeeper has been working hard to get the revised/new automated payments in place, so thank you to Karla for her efforts. If you have not submitted a 2016/17 operating pledge agreement form yet, please do so as soon as possible. Let us know if you do not have a form and we will get one to you.

As you have seen elsewhere, the Homestead 15 and the Golf Tournament are coming up on September 10. Both of these events could use more volunteers and/or participants, so don't hesitate to get involved!

If you would like to participate in the golf tournament, contact Karris Veldman at karris@ks-woodworks.com, or one of the committee members. For our other fundraisers, the sandwich sale is still in the planning phase, and Keystone Project is pursuing the purchase of a lot to build a second home.

May God bless our educational efforts in this coming school year, giving strength and wisdom to teachers, and joy and patience to students.

For the Board, Steve Hofford

Principal Report

Dear Cornerstone Community,
Welcome to a new school year! As teachers and administration, we are well and truly 'back into the saddle' prepping and planning as we look forward to welcoming the students back into the classrooms. The Inspire Development Center organization has been and gone. The ladies have completed a terrific cleaning job. Our carpets are sparkling clean thanks to a local professional (thanks, Henry!). The CBM members and some young help worked diligently to put all the furniture back in the right places. Since then the school has been transformed into an inviting place of learning. Classroom walls are decorated, desks have been arranged, seating plans devised, course outlines turned in, units of work designed and lesson plans created. We -- are -- ready -- to -- roll!

Summer

Our school building has certainly not been dormant over the summer. And no doubt, many of you have been out and about working and playing in the sun. What a blessing to experience a slower pace of life and to have opportunity to have adventures in the great outdoors! God has demonstrated His mercy in preserving our lives throughout the summer months. There were no reports of any major accidents or injuries. At the same time, we remember our brother Ruben Bosscher who continues to receive cancer treatments in Seattle. Our colleague, Karen deMooy, recently had knee surgery which will put her out of action for a good few weeks. We also remember in our prayers the father of Mr. Chase in Denver, Colorado. It appears that his earthly sojourn is coming to an end. May all these saints be surrounded by the love of our Father in Heaven and experience the care of family and the communion of saints.

School Culture

Last week Wednesday morning the CCS teaching staff gathered together in a meeting room in downtown Lynden. It was an opportunity for us to meet outside our regular scheduled meeting times for some reflection, analysis and planning on how, as teachers, we can enhance CCS school culture. We engaged each other in a range of topics including the various facets of school culture, the characteristics of a proficient teacher, Danielson's Framework of Teaching (check it out online), and a review of our unit planning template. We recognized that while there are a number of contributors to what a school

culture looks and feels like -- as teachers, we are the drivers. The way we deliver the educational program has a big bearing on students' attitudes towards learning and the school as a whole. We look forward to honing our strengths and resolved to push ourselves in areas that need improvement.

School Theme

Our reflective discussions and planning around school culture led to the formulation of a new school theme for the coming year:

Love is the root; What is the fruit?
We have chosen this theme because we'd like to give deliberate focus to the 'root' of our life's service and what the resultant fruit could look like in our tasks at school. We confess together that Jesus' death on the cross was the ultimate gift of love. He loved us so deeply and unconditionally that he gave

up His life -- so that we may receive forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. 1

John 4:19 says: *We love, because He first loved us.* The basis or root of our life of service is the love which Christ has demonstrated and which the Holy Spirit has planted in our hearts.

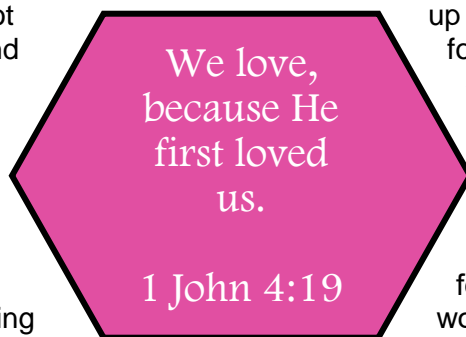
Together with the students, we look forward to unpacking what types of 'fruit' would 'grow' from a 'tree' that has love as its 'root'. When the fruits of love are manifested through us -- they contribute to a godly and dynamic school culture.

Engineering

The Engineering elective being offered to our juniors and seniors this year has taken a little turn in the road. Having the course taught on our campus by a member of our community wasn't possible for this year. Instead, Todd Moore, a graduate from the Washington Engineering Institute (WEI) will teach the course this year and our 7 students will attend classes at the WEI campus in Bellingham. In the circumstances, this was a good second option and we are indebted to the generosity of the WEI President for providing a teacher, the curriculum and resources to teach the course.

Technic Training Center

This woodworking/cabinetry elective has also morphed into something we weren't expecting from the beginning. The beneficiaries are our 9th and 10th graders! Because there wasn't a big interest in this course from our juniors and seniors -- the Lynden Door folk were willing to open their doors to our younger students. We and they are excited to begin! Kolin Veldman has volunteered to be the



Cornerstone teacher representative working alongside Ron Visser, the shop director. Classes will run on Monday and Wednesday after school from 2:50-4:20pm. Part of our commitment to the course is to provide an extra 2 volunteers per session for supervision. This is a call to all interested parents or grandparents: if you have an interest in being involved on one or both of these days, please let me know ASAP. John Slagle, the TTC director, made it clear that our supervisory volunteers do NOT have to have cabinetry experience to be involved.

First Day

The first day of school is this coming Tuesday, August 30. You're invited to the opening assembly at 8:10am in the American Reformed Church building and afterwards you're welcome to join us in the school building for some refreshments and picture taking opportunities. In a spirit of harmony and cooperation, the teachers and administration look forward to serving the covenant children in our care. We view this as a high responsibility and ask that you keep us in your prayers. We invite your support in tangible ways as volunteers in the school. May this school year serve to help our students develop their talents to God's glory!

Ladies Aid Report

Cornerstone Christian School community:

Thank you, thank you! Your willingness and enthusiasm in helping get the Cornerstone Cafe operational was wonderful! We as the Ladies Aid board would especially like to thank our committee of volunteers that spear headed this venture, Stephanie Bareman, Lydia Faber, Irene Hicks and Kelli Kobes. These ladies spent A LOT of time and effort getting this fundraiser off the ground and through their leadership we had a great week at the fair! Thank you ladies! Thanks also to the large variety of volunteers we had stepping in to help in all the different positions needed, you made our organizers' job easy in that regard! Since this is a large undertaking and we want it to get easier the Ladies Aid board would like to hear back from you, the

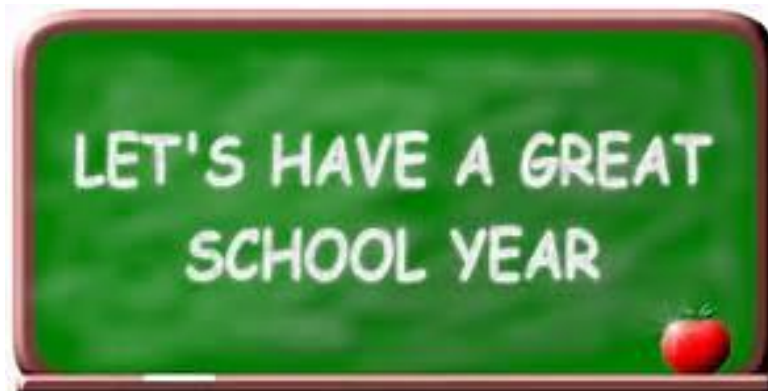
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school community, about this fundraiser. Whether you were a volunteer or customer let us know about your experience! From today until September 6 you can email Rianne Kruyswijk with comments at jrkruyfamil@gmail.com or you can put a note in her mailbox at church.

And as the school year begins, we look forward to another year of successful fundraisers, all under the provision of our gracious Heavenly Father! Veggie packs will take place in September and Apple Pies will follow in October. We are also looking for board nominees, so please seriously consider if this is a way you can contribute to our school community!

Thank you!

Cornerstone Christian Ladies Aid; Janet Brown, Kaylene Hofford, Rianne Kruyswijk, Kim Sytsma



2016 – 2017 School Calendar

Aug. 30 – First Day of School
 Sept. 5 – Labor Day
 Oct. 6 – In-Service Day
 Oct. 7 – Fall Break
 Oct. 10 – Columbus Day
 Oct. 13 – PSAT Test Date
 Oct. 28 – HS First Qtr Reports
 Oct.31/Nov. 1– HS P/T Conferences
 Nov. 11- Veteran's Day
 Nov. 23 – Elem First Term Reports
 Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Day
 Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Break
 Nov. 28 – Early Release 11:55am
 Nov. 28,30 – Elem P/T Conferences
 Dec 16- Last Day of School 2016
 Dec 19 – Jan 2 - Christmas Break
 Jan 3 - Return to School 2017
 Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Day

Jan 20- HS Second Quarter Reports
 Jan 23,24 - HS P/T Conferences
 Feb 10 – PD Day
 Feb 16,17 - Mid-Winter Break
 Feb 20 – President's Day
 Mar 3 - Elementary Report Cards - Term 2
 Mar 6 – Early Release – 11:55am
 Mar 6,8 - Elementary P/T Conferences
 Mar 24 - High School Third Quarter Reports
 Apr 3-7- Spring Break
 Apr 13 – Easter Concert
 April 14 – Good Friday
 May 5 – Public Speaking Contest
 May 25 – Ascension Day
 May 29 - Memorial Day
 June 2 – Sports Day
 June 5 - Quad School Track Meet
 June 9 – Eighth Grade Graduation
 June 16 - Last Day of School / Senior Graduation

Board:

Chairman:	Cason VanDriel
Vice-Chairman:	Henry Klos
Building Liaison:	Ron Faber
Secretary:	Jeff Brown
Treasurer:	Steve Hofford
Staff & Membership Admin	Kolin Veldman

Building/Maintenance Committee

Dave Burger	Ron Faber
Jon Kruyswijk	Kam Veldman

Education Committee

Stephen Chase	Jon Dykstra
Darryn Kleyn	Ellen Davis
Henry Klos	Rianne Kruyswijk

IT Committee

Ray Buitenbos	Ron Faber
Steve Hofford	Jack Marissen

Finance Committee

Janice DeMooy	Rick Faber
Brian Hendricks	Dave Hofford
Steve Hofford	Kim Sytsma

Library Committee

Ellen Davis	Shona Doornbos
Debbie Johnson	Karla Leyenhorst

Ladies Aid Committee

Janet Brown	Kaylene Hofford
Rianne Kruyswijk	Kim Sytsma

Administration Staff

Darryn Kleyn	Principal
Karla Leyenhorst	Bookkeeper
Kari VanDiest	Secretary

Teaching Staff

Grade 1/2:

Shari Kruyswijk	Bible, Math History, Art
Janet Faber	LA, Music, Science
Darryn Kleyn	PE

Grade 3/4:

Debbie Johnson	Bible, Math, LA3, Science
Ellen Davis	L.A 4, Music, History
Darryn Kleyn	PE
Karen DeMooy	Art

Grade 5/6:

Lynette Van Hofwegen	
Ellen Davis	Music
Edmund Nederveen	PE, Math 6
Stephen Houweling	Writing 5,6

Grade 7/8:

Stephen Houweling	
Edmund Nederveen	History, PE
Debbie Faber	Art
Jack Marissen	Science

High School:

Wayne Chase	Bible/History/English/Math
Debbie Faber	Art
Stephen Houweling	Behind The Scenes
Darryn Kleyn	PE, Personal Finance
Edmund Nederveen	English, History
Jack Marissen	Science, Math
Darlene VanStaalduinen	Spanish
Irene Hicks	Life Skills - Cooking
Karen DeMooy	Life Skills – Sewing