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From The Chairman.....Mr. James Bareman

Darkness...

Sometimes we are reminded more poignantly than other times that we live in world that lies in the grip of darkness. The horrific events that unfolded last week in Newtown, CT are another case in point. Quite understandably, over the next days and weeks there will be wringing of hands and debates over what can be done to prevent such a tragedy from occurring again. However, such efforts will not address the root of the problem, namely the sinful heart of man, and the curse he is under. In Job 12:24,25 we read, *"He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth and makes them wander in a trackless waste. They grope in the dark without light, and he makes them stagger like a drunken man."* May the Lord in his mercy use these events to turn the hearts of many to seek Him. As we move through these darkest days of the year, may the fact that the true Light came into the world to enlighten us fill us with wonder, and may we who share in him take seriously our calling as his people to be the light of the world.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the society's Annual Meeting held last month and made it a priority to be there. It is encouraging to see the level of commitment within the society, and being able to have a solid quorum of the members certainly makes it much easier to conduct the society's business! Thank you also for the support shown for the special resolutions presented by the board. May these actions prove to be for the long term good of the school. At this point it appears we will come to a reasonable agreement with the owner of the adjacent property, so you will soon be receiving a request to contribute to funding the purchase, if you have not already.

As usual, the Annual Meeting brings a bit of a "changing of the guard" as far as the Board of Directors is concerned. Mr. John Doornbos and Mr. Eric Brown were elected by the society to serve on the board and replace our outgoing directors, Mr. Marty VanDriel and Mr. Marvin Vreugdenhil, whose terms of service came to an end. Thank you Marty and Marvin, for your faithful service on behalf of the society, and thank you also Mr. Brown and Mr. Doornbos for your willingness to take on these duties! At the first meeting of the new Board, various committee roles and responsibilities were assigned to the different board members, in accord with the spirit of Article 6.2.4.6 of our Bylaws. Mr. Doornbos has taken over the role of Treasurer, and Mr. Brown the role of the Secretary.

During the next while, the board and various committees will be working to prepare for the next school year, with budgeting, confirming staffing arrangements, and finalizing any curriculum changes on deck. Even as we prepare for next year, we find ourselves looking for someone to fill a staffing vacancy that is coming up this year. Due to a need to attend to family issues in Columbia, Mrs. Liliana Polinder, our high school Spanish teacher, will be leaving us at the end of the second term. As a result, we find ourselves looking for a replacement Spanish teacher mid course. Liliana, we will miss your passion and dedication to your students, and we pray that your time in Columbia will be of great benefit to family there. We also ask for the society's prayers that the Lord provide a suitable replacement so that the Spanish teaching can continue without interruption in the New Year. We will keep you informed of progress in this area as details become available. We wish students, staff, and school community a safe and enjoyable Christmas holiday, and a blessed New Year!

Short Reports of the Board.....

November 15, 2012

The chairman, J. Bareman, opens the meeting by reading from Eccl. 5 and prayer. He welcomes everyone present including the Principal. The agenda is established. This is a quarterly meeting to deal with long range planning. There were two letters regarding teaching positions that will be open in the future. Mrs. L. Polinder is resigning in Dec. and the Principal is stepping down in June. The members of the board express appreciation for the work that he has done and accept this with regret. Additional classroom space is needed for the 2013/2014 school year. The library will be moved short term to the gym mezzanine at the end of this year. Short report is approved. The chairman closes in prayer and the Principal is thanked and leaves the meeting. The meeting continues with considerations how to proceed with expansion with property and/or building and how to present it to the membership. A separate bank account will be set up to collect funds to work towards an endowment fund. A special resolution, regarding the purchase of property, will be presented at the next membership meeting to see what interest there is in long term goals. Another special resolution is drafted regarding the spending of any excess operating funds on capital projects. The agenda for the upcoming membership meeting is finalized. Short report is approved and T. Faber closes in prayer.

December 6, 2012

The chairman J. Bareman opened the meeting. He read from Psalm 5, and led in prayer. Words of welcome were spoken to the incoming new board members, E. Brown and J. Doornbos.

The board approves the minutes of the board meetings (without principal) of October 23 and November 15, and of the school society meeting held November 27.

After discussion, the board decides as follows for roles of the board members: J. Bareman continues as chairman; B. Lodder continues as liaison to the Education Committee, and becomes vice chair; T. Faber continues as liaison to the CBM and the IT Committee; J. Doornbos is appointed Treasurer; E. Brown is appointed Secretary (and responsible for correspondence).

As a follow up to the annual society meeting, the board discusses setting up bank account for endowment fund. The board also discusses how to proceed with the fund raising drive for the land purchase that was approved at the school society meeting. The board mandates that the long term planning committee proceed with negotiations with Mr. Hamstra, with board approval afterward. Fund raising calls would then be made after that.

The board discusses our approach in hiring a new principal. Advertisements are going to be running in the year-end *Clarion*, and in the two January issues. The board agrees that we will appoint an interview committee.

Regarding finance, the committees will be asked for input on what type of expenditures they anticipate for this coming school year. Tuition and dues reports are also briefly discussed.

After the principal is welcomed to the meeting, the board approves the minutes (with principal) from October 23 and November 15.

A letter is received regarding college recruitment.

The chairman expresses the board's gratitude for a job well done to M. Vreugdenhil and M. VanDriel. It is noted that they gave sound counsel and many hours of dedication. Appreciation is expressed and the Lord's blessings are wished upon the departing members.

The board discusses the principal's report, including upcoming staffing needs, as well as his own replacement. It is noted that our current Spanish teacher, L. Polinder, is leaving at the end of the second term, and that a replacement is needed by January 22nd. The position is currently being advertised. The board considers a concern brought forward by a parent regarding ongoing sales of soda in the school by a student. The board decides that it is not appropriate for a student to set up an ongoing business selling things to other students out of a locker. The principal is asked to bring the soda sales enterprise to an end by the Christmas break.

B. Lodder reports on recent Ed Com developments, and possible replacements for three departing members are discussed.

T. Faber reports on CBM developments, including the completed lawnmower shed, recently serviced fire pump, and an upcoming fix to the gravel drive to Badger Rd.

T. Faber reports on current IT situations, including a small amount of maintenance on the new laptops, and donations of older computers to New Way. It is reported that the new laptops are functioning well, as is the internet filter.

Some general matter are discussed, including meeting scheduling, more staffing challenges, and some strategies in finding candidates for principal.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, January 8th, 2013

E. Brown leads in prayer and the meeting is closed.

Society Membership Meeting Minutes.....

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 – 8:00 p.m.. – American Reformed Church Building

- 1) **Opening and Welcome** - The chairman J. Bareman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He read from Psalm 119; we sang from the same Psalm, and the chairman led us in prayer.
- 2) **The Agenda** was adopted as presented.
- 3) **Quorum** - It was determined that more than 50% of the Society's members were present at this meeting (47 signatures were collected of the 68 members in the society currently)
- 4) **2011-12 Financial Review**
 - a) A report was received from two society members (J. Doornbos and A. DeMooy) stating that the treasurer's and bookkeeper's books are in excellent order. The letter will be filed with the school society minutes.
 - b) The Treasurer M. VanDriel reviewed the 2011/2012 financial statements; it was noted with great thankfulness that we were amply provided for with donations and tuition to cover our costs this past year. No particular questions were brought up at this point.
 - c) The Treasurer introduced the concept of the endowment fund to the society in a brief overview. The board intends to open a checking account as soon as possible for this fund; the long term planning committee will be drafting a set of policies and procedures for the board to adopt. Members are invited to submit proposed names for the fund – one that has been brought up is the "Cornerstone Heritage Fund."

Questions from the floor

What is the relationship between the board and the endowment fund overseers? Kyle Lodder responds that this will be part of the drafted procedures for the fund.

- What will happen to the money in the endowment fund should the school or society be disbanded? There will need to be an alternate designation for what happens in a scenario like this. The chairman reminds the members that currently should the school society disband, the assets of the society would be given to the American Reformed Church.
- More comments are made by the members speaking in favor of the concept of an endowment fund.

5) Election of New Board Members

The meeting proceeds to the election of two new board members to replace retiring members M. Vreugdenhil and M. VanDriel.

J. Doornbos moves, and C. VanDriel seconds a motion that the one absentee ballot received be accepted and counted; motion passes unanimously. There were 46 ballots, and one absentee ballot received. Three members are appointed to count the ballots, while a brief coffee break is called by the chairman.

6) Results of the Vote

The meeting is reopened, and the chairman announces that Eric Brown and John Doornbos have been elected to serve as board members.

7) Board Special Resolutions

The chairman reminds the members of the procedures in place for special resolutions. A special resolution requires 2/3 approval of votes cast by those members present. In this case, 32 votes are required for these two resolutions to pass.

The board presents two special resolutions to the membership as follows:

a) Special Resolution 1

"In view of generous pledged donations to the operating budget, extra income from the golf tournament, and funds available in our CD, it is hereby resolved that the Board designate an amount of up to \$60,000 to be used for capital projects exceeding \$100,000 (land purchase and/or construction)."

The motion came from the board, and is seconded by Brad Kuik.

Questions to the motion:

Where would these funds come from?

The treasurer responds that we have approximately \$17,000 in extra golf tournament income, \$33,000 in extra pledges, and the remaining \$10,000 would come from our CD.

Is the board confident that there are no unexpected expenses coming?

We can't foresee everything of course, but the treasurer believes that we are in good shape regarding expenses and income for the current school year.

At this point, the chairman calls for a vote by show of hands; over 2/3 of the members present are in favor, and **the motion passes.**

b) Special Resolution 2

"It is hereby resolved that the Board pursue the purchase of 3.87 acres of land adjacent to the south end of the existing school property, subject to obtaining the funds needed to make the purchase (approximately \$240,000) through a fundraising drive and/or funds designated for capital projects."

Tim Faber gave some background on the property that is available from our next door neighbor, Bob Hamstra.

The motion came from the board, and is seconded by Harvey Pelleboer, and is put into discussion.

Questions from the floor:

Do we need to buy all 4 acres; wouldn't a smaller parcel be also useful? Tim Faber responded that this seemed to be about the smallest that we would find useful, although it could be looked at.

A member comments that he believes it would be very wise to buy property now while it is available.

Could we develop some property as residential lots? The board is not proposing to become a property developer, although the society would be able to sell pieces off later on.

A member brings up that it is now more difficult to build schools outside city limits. Tim agrees that those days are gone when you could put a school or church out in the county.

One member speaks against the motion, feeling that we don't need the space at this time, and are unlikely to need it for some time.

A member asks what happens if we can't raise enough money to buy the property – the board would then need to bring another resolution if it still recommended going ahead.

Another member speaks in favor of the motion – one rarely hears that a school society or church feels that it has enough land, or paid far too much some years ago for the land they do own.

One member suggests that the motion could be amended so that private investors could be involved if there is a shortfall, or an alternative way of financing the property.

The Treasurer asks if previous purchases had been made by this type of pledge. A previous Treasurer responds that previous drives did indeed look for the donations to be made available up front, sometimes over a course of a few years.

The vote is called. By show of hands, 40 members vote in favor, which is more than 2/3 of the majority of the 47 present; **the motion passes.**

8) Question Period

Questions: One member questioned if the motion did indeed pass; it was clarified that indeed more than enough votes (more than 2/3 of the votes required by those present were indeed received, 40 of 47).

9) Closing

Marvin Vreugdenhil led in prayer, and the chairman closed the meeting.

From the Treasurer.....Mr. John Doornbos

First a quick note of thanks to the membership for the confidence shown in electing me to the school board. I am honored and humbled and look forward to working with the rest of the board, staff, and membership for the next three years to execute on our collective vision of providing a quality reformed education to our covenant children. As you can deduce from my authoring this column I have been appointed as the treasurer.

As we reach the end of 2012 and start looking towards 2013 we have much to be thankful for in a number of areas, including financially. Due to the good work done by the prior treasurer, Marty Vandriel, our financial position is as good as it has ever been. This positive position allowed us to end the year with plans to purchase several acres of adjacent property. This additional purchase of property gives us additional flexibility for future planning... what that future will exactly look like is still somewhat vague but yet exciting. Despite the lack of clarity, we live with the knowledge that God continues to bless in some very obvious ways; skilled caring staff, enthusiastic godly students, committed parents and members, the financial means to operate the school, and additionally the option to begin planning for growth. May we continue to live lives of thankful response!

I have begun the task of immersing myself into all things financial as it relates to the school. I have quickly come to appreciate our bookkeeper Marcia Faber who does the brunt of the day-to-day money management. Capably collecting and depositing tuition, paying bills, and providing us with the appropriate reports allows the board and me to focus on the bigger picture. Thank you Marcia!

My goal for the first few months is to focus on getting to learn the ropes while living off of the good processes put in place by my predecessor. My initial focus is going to be on finding ways to identify new revenue streams for the school. As part of that I would like to resurrect and refocus the Finance Committee that has gone dormant the past several years. You'll learn more about this in future editions of the *Link* but hopefully over the next few weeks we can crystallize what that new mandate will be and who might be on that committee. Ideally we'll be able to manage the increased demand on financial resources without increasing tuition and avoiding any interest charges.

Once again, thank you for your continued financial commitment. We appreciate the on-time tuition payments, pledges for the operating costs, and the soon to be received pledges for the property purchase.

From the CBM.....Mr. Tim Faber

We would like to begin by saying thank you to one member who has recently "retired" from the CBM, Jan Kottelenberg. Thank you, Jan for your diligence and hard work during your time on the CBM. You tackled many projects with willingness and dedication, which was much appreciated. We would also like to welcome our new member, Andrew Demooy. Welcome aboard!

The lawnmower / yard equipment shed is now complete and functioning. Again thanks to all who helped put this together. It will be really nice to clean up the pump house and move all of the yard equipment and supplies into the shed. The fire pump in the pump house was in need of some repair. A minor repair now, which if left, would have caused a lot more

damage, but thankfully we were able to get repairs done in time. With the onset of winter we have completed our checklist to “winterize” the building. This means closing some of the attic vents, hopefully we can keep the building a little warmer this winter during our northeasters.

You will all be happy to know that the ever increasing potholes in the gravel driveway does have our attention. We are planning to fill and compact the potholes, and then re-surface the gravel. Weather permitting we hope to do this early in the New Year. So if you do not have a vehicle with high clearance or one with poor shocks, you might consider using the church driveway...

There are many minor things that the CBM is busy with as well and our list of things to do just never gets any shorter! Always something to do, as I'm sure most of you find this to be true at home too. Thank you to all the committee members who contribute in the regular maintenance of the school facility. We would also like to express our appreciation to our “cleaning coordinator”, Kim Sytsma. For the past three years she has been in charge of the cleaning schedules and making sure we have ample cleaning supplies. Thank you very much for your capable leadership in this role. In her place we welcome Jolene Vreugdenhil. Thank you very much for accepting this position. We continue to appreciate the hard work that all of you do in keeping the school clean every day. We also noticed the 7/8 students made it into the janitor room and have applied their LEAN principles here as well. Very organized, well done!

Thank you,
CBM Committee

From The Principal.....Mr. Otto Bouwman

It's already time for another report to the membership via the *Lynden Link*. Again, I can report that we have many reasons for gratitude. Learning continues unhindered and real progress can be made. All our students and staff have been able to enjoy safety and security during the past while. But much more than that: we are allowed to live as God's children, with hope, in a fallen world. During this Christmas season, we can again celebrate the birth and work of our Savior Jesus Christ. What a marvelous reality! While saying something like “Jesus is the reason for the season” might sound so trite and simple, yet there is profound truth there that we do so well to not take for granted. Please spend some time this week meditating on God's goodness; He so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son. Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed!

Thankful

As we recently celebrated Thanksgiving, and as we are about to wind down the year, it is always good to count our blessings. Counting our blessings demands that we also identify them. Any identification of particular blessings can be construed as being hazardous, because of what/who is not mentioned. Nevertheless, I'd like to mention a few blessings for which I'm very grateful. Thank you, students, for making Cornerstone come alive and be a vibrant place to work. Keep coming, keep learning, and keep graduating! Secondly, it's a privilege to lead such an enthusiastic, dedicated, and capable teaching staff, office support staff, and classroom volunteers. I really appreciate what you each have all brought to the Cornerstone workplace. Thank you, very much, colleagues; you define this institution. I'm also thankful for the dedication that is demonstrated by outgoing, current, and incoming members of board and all its committees. The amount of work that needs to be done behind the scenes to enable the teachers to continue joyfully doing their work in the classrooms is tremendous. Keep it up!

Connecticut

Last week Friday a school on the other side of the country – Sandy Hook Elementary – suddenly became a household name. Tragically and suddenly, the lives of 20 young students and six adults in the school ended. Such an event would be an absolute nightmare, not just to a principal who has the responsibility of keeping a building safe, but also to the teachers, students, and parents in the school community. And while our nation mourns, our leaders try to bring comfort, and our lawgivers seek to prevent such tragedies by increased legislation.

Such an event gives a wonderful opportunity to remind each other of remarkable truths. In the first place, we confess total depravity; we are all, at heart, murderers. The implication is that suggesting that the killer's mental illness or condition is the real cause of the tragedy is not quite accurate. That's not to say that mental issues could not have played a role, but it suggests that the real root cause was sin. While the term “total depravity” might easily roll off the lips of any Calvinist, we are often caught off-guard when we consider what such depravity actually looks like. We are horrified by such senseless and ruthless slaughter. We shake our heads and wonder how a person could be so evil so as to take many others' lives. But when we remember that we too are totally depraved, then perhaps we realize that we have more in common than we'd prefer with the evil killer in Newtown.

A second truth that we confess is God's providence. That means that nothing happens in this life apart from God's control and will and direction. Nothing. Not a Hitler. Not a crazed murderer in Norway. Not an abortionist. Not a tsunami wave heading towards Japan. Not a hurricane. Not tiredness. Not a diagnosis of cancer. And not a crazed killer in Connecticut. Everything is part of God's plan. And not only that, but he has designed it all for the good of those who love him and for the glory of his name. So when hard things happen to us and to our loved ones, we may take comfort in our Father's care. We might not understand the rationale for every step of our way, nor do we always see our way to our next step very clearly. But isn't it wonderful to be assured that we have a Father taking care of us who loves us and who will provide for us?

Another related truth concerns how problems can be solved. Many in our society believe that a little bit more control by government will help minimize the likelihood of future dangerous outbursts. On the other side of the spectrum, others are equally adamant that if only guns were even more readily available, then such killers would do less damage. Paradoxically, while perhaps there's a bit of truth on both sides of that debate – since in the end the problem is not guns or their absence – guns or their absence will not solve the problem either. Instead, the only way life can really be restored, and that ultimate healing can happen, is by the sacrifice of our Savior on the cross. Praise God that we can celebrate our Savior's birth! Praise God that Christ came to take not only our sins away but also heal us from the effects of sin. Our problems and the problems of our society are all a consequence of sin. Only in the new heaven and the new earth will all our problems be solved perfectly, because of the Jesus' work. That's not to live in despair here: let's continue doing what we can to make life not just bearable, but delightfully joyful, for ourselves and all those around us. Let's also pray fervently and work diligently for the ultimate coming of Father's kingdom. As we celebrate Jesus' first coming, let's also pray for his second coming.

Inside Cornerstone

When is the last time you walked into our school's halls and classrooms? You're always welcome. First thing in the morning you would hear children singing praises to our God and Maker. After that, you would hear a plethora of sounds including Bible stories, class discussions, teacher instructions, a phone ringing, joyful laughter, balls bouncing, paper rustling, and finally, to remind you this is all really happening, a few reprimands. Numerous times wonderful accolades are passed on from our school's visitors about what a great place of learning Cornerstone appears to be. Yes, also from my perspective: many great things happen here; the teachers, secretary, and volunteers have clearly done a wonderful job of creating a positive learning environment for the classrooms and hallways of CCS. Keep it up, y'all!

Personal

In early November I shared with the board the conclusion that my wife and I had come to regarding my continued position here at Cornerstone. Since sharing that news, Jeanette and I have truly been overwhelmed with the support and encouragement we have received. Thank you heartily for your ongoing thoughts and prayers; it is most humbling to be on the receiving end of so many expressions of gratitude and goodwill. It is our ongoing prayer that the Lord shows us the way forward, whatever it may be. We also pray that God will provide for continued positive educational leadership in this institution.

Year End

We have again come near the end of another calendar year. We thank God for his gracious care during the past year. As we transition from one year to the next, we can joyfully confess that our God has been our help in ages past, and is our hope for years to come; He's been our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

I wish you all a festive Christmas season and God's blessings in the year of our Lord 2013.

Athletic Report.....Mr. Darryn Kleyn

Just this past week, the grade 7/8 class went on a field trip to Kaas Tailored in Mukilteo. This company produces custom upholstery for companies such as Boeing, Nordstrom, Gap and others. The owner of the company, Mr. Jeff Kaas, uses Kaizen (or Lean) as a way to lead his company. Not firstly as a set of tools – but as a Biblical worldview. He explained and demonstrated how a Biblical worldview permeates his business' purpose, goals and way of operating. It was a super learning experience and a real eye-opener on many different levels.

So, what does this have to do with athletics? This tour was a great reminder that as Christians we have the greatest guide on the planet for our work and play – the Word of God. It teaches us how we can and should live to His glory. It teaches us how the gospel should manifest itself and permeate everything we do. It's not theoretical; it's *"living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."* (Hebrews 4:14)

The Word of God will guide us as we teach and coach. It will teach us how we ought to play in the heat of battle. It will direct us to how we should interact with our opponents. It will nurture our thoughts, desires and motivations as we play. Truly, we have a 'rudder' for all of life's challenges. May we submit to the Word daily!

Basketball

Thankfully, we have committed coaches who, during the winter months, don't just teach the students basketball skills but use their gifts and talents to teach the students about life. A big thank-you is in order to (ready for it!): Ken and Kyle Bosscher, Marty Vreugdenhil, Janice Dykstra, Bernice Vreugdenhil, Derek Willis, Kara Faber, Johanna Bareman, Janita Willis, Sarah Hicks and Kelsey Faber for their enthusiastic efforts in helping our students improve their game and encouraging them to play as Godly young men and women.

The high school students have begun their season of league games. The Northwest Youth Basketball League has 5 teams in the A-division, 5 teams in the B-division and 6 teams in the girls division. That makes for variety and a good challenge for our high school boys (3 teams) and girls (1 team). To catch a game or to keep up with our teams' progress go to

www.nwyouthbb.com.

Our middle school teams begin their league games in January. Their schedule of games can be found in the Contact.

Maintenance

Once again it's fitting to recognize the efforts of the building committee who continue to work hard to keep the gym in tip-top shape. They have fixed and made improvements to the bleachers and have reinforced and adjusted the basketball hoops. Thank-you, brothers for your diligent efforts to keep the gym in good condition. Our floor-cleaning sister is also commended for her diligent efforts every Saturday afternoon. Keep up the great work, Mikayla!

I wish all our readers a Blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year under the blessing of our LORD. And may "the word of Christ dwell in [us] richly as [we] teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as [we] sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in [our] hearts to God. And whatever [we] do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:15 & 16)

Fine Arts Evening.....Mr. Otto Bouwman, Mrs. Debbie Faber

Students, parents, and grandparents: here is an opportunity for you! We are giving you some advanced notice to participate in our biennial Visual Fine Arts evening on Friday, March 1, 2013. You are being invited to submit a painting, a sculpture, a sewing item, a drawing, photography etc. that can be put on display that evening in the gym.

This is a wonderful chance for you to showcase and share your talents with others.

Students will also enter and display three of their favorite projects or artwork.

Here are a few guidelines to follow,

*deadlines are Feb. 22

*artwork has to be made/painted within the last two years

*limit of 3 pieces of artwork

Any questions please contact Debbie Faber.

On the music side of things, that evening the bands will play, and we are hoping for small groups of students to also come forward and entertain. Piano players - please step forward! Other instrumentalists - show your creative genius!

Further details of the evening will become clearer as time goes on, but we are looking forward to enjoying an evening in celebration of the arts.

From The Ladies Aid.....Mrs. Sharon Veldman

Merry Christmas from the Ladies Aid! We rejoice in the birth of our Savior.

A big thank you to everyone who has made our fund raising efforts a success this far. All the chopping, rolling, slicing, cooking, hammering and more rolling has really paid off! It is nice to see all the willing hands join together and pull it off time and again. We would like to remind you of our upcoming membership meeting planned for Tuesday, January 29. Mark your calendars!

We have an official form now for gas reimbursement, more information is available at the office.

Enjoy your Christmas Break



School Calendar 2012-2013

Aug. 28 – First Day of School
Sept 3 – Labor Day
Oct 4 – In Service Day
Oct 5 – Fall Break
Oct 8 – Columbus Day
 Nov 2 -High School 1st qtr reports
 Nov 5 & 6 – High School P/T Conferences
Nov 12 – Veteran’s Day
 Nov 21 – Elem Report Cards
Nov 22 – Thanksgiving Day
Nov 23 – Thanksgiving Break
 Nov 26 & 28 – Elem P/T Conferences
 Nov. 27 – Membership Annual Meeting
Dec 24 – Jan 4 – Christmas Break
 Jan 7 – First day of school 2013
Jan 21 – Martin Luther King Day
 Jan 24 – High School 2nd qtr reports
Jan 25 – Prof. Dev. Day
 Jan 28 & 29 – HS P/T Conferences
Feb 14 & 15 – Mid-winter Break
Feb 18 – President’s Day
 Mar 1 – Fine Arts Evening
 Mar 8 – Elem Report Cards
 Mar 11 & 13 – Elem P/T Conferences
 Mar 28 – High School 3rd qtr Reports
Mar 29 – Good Friday
Apr 1-5 – Spring Break
 May 3 – Public Speaking Contest
May 27 – Memorial Day
 June 7 – Eighth Grade Graduation
 June 14 – Last Day of School /
 Senior Graduation



Board:

Chairman:	Jim Bareman
Vice-Chairman:	Bob Lodder
Building Liaison:	Tim Faber
Secretary:	Eric Brown
Treasurer:	John Doornbos

Building/Maintenance Committee

Andrew DeMooy	Tim Faber
Dave Kruyswijk	Al Sytsma
Marty Vreugdenhil	

Education Committee

Otto Bouwman	Hannah Buitenbos
John Doornbos	Corrie Klos
Bob Lodder	Ryan VanDriel

IT Committee

John Bisschop	Tim Faber
Jan Hensen	Steve Hofford
Jack Marissen	

Library Committee

Hannah Buitenbos	Antina Chase
Corrie Klos	Bernice Vreugdenhil

Ladies Aid Committee

Janice DeMooy	Lydia Faber
Erika Postmus	Sharon Veldman

Office Staff

Marcia Faber	Kari VanDiest
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Teaching Staff

Principal:	Otto Bouwman
Gr 1/2 morning, Science	Antina Chase
Gr 1/2 History, P.E. Gr. 3 LA	Jenny Tiemeyer
Gr 1/2 LA, Music, Art	Janet Faber
Grade 3-4:	Laetisia Kleyn
Grade 5-6:	Tom VanderHorst
Grade 7-8:	Darryn Kleyn
Grade 9-12:	Otto Bouwman
	Wayne Chase
	Jack Marissen
	Liliana Polinder (Sp)
	Debbie Faber (Art)