

## **Grand Rapids Christian Schools**

### **Annual Meeting of GRCS Membership Monday, March 17, 2008**

#### **Grand Rapids Christian High School DeVos Center for Arts and Worship**

#### **Minutes**

1. Welcome, Opening Prayer, Call to Order – Jim Schipper, President
2. Staff Highlights – Tom DeJonge, Superintendent
  - a. 2008 Retirees: Mary Ellen Miner, Sharon Slager, Sharon Pegman, Judy Meyer
  - b. Points of Pride: Creston and Evergreen – GR Community Foundation Grant, early intervention and support; Millbrook - Meijer Good Schools Grant, resources to enhance learning; Oakdale – Student Awards: honors choir, civic theater, art awards; Rockford – Environmental Focus, Green School Award; GRCMS – James Project, service projects; GRCHS – John Zoerhoff Senior Service Day
3. Foundation Report – Lon Swartzentruber, Executive Director of GRCS Foundation
4. At-large Member Appointments
  - a. Cynthia Gladyness – 1-year
  - b. Amy Smith – 3-years
5. Treasurer's Report – Dave Tiesenga, Board Treasurer
  - a. 2006-07 Audit Summary
  - b. 2007-08 Budget in Review
  - c. Presentation of the Proposed 2008-09 Budget  
Review of budget highlights:
    - Increase overall budget by 1%
    - Projects enrollment of 2,240 students
    - Reflects non-tuition revenue of \$2,389,830 or 16% of total revenue
    - Reflects a wage increase of 2.7% for all staff
    - Assumes a 10% increase in health expenses
    - Continues staff obligation to pay 13% of health premiums
    - Nearly eliminates employee retirement expenses
    - Increases textbook and instructional materials budget
    - Includes resources for spiritual retreat for incoming freshman at GRCHS
    - Continues partnership with CLC for delivery of special education and other student services.
  - d. Tuition increase: \$335.00 for full day kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - e. GRCS Transportation Fee: \$550 per family
  - f. Program Enhancement Fees: \$90 grades 6-8, \$115 Grades 9-12
6. Our Partners – Tom DeJonge
  - a. Churches
  - b. TRIP

- c. New 2 You
- d. Foundation
- e. Charitable Community

7. Discussion

8. 2008-09 Budget and At-large Member Vote

**MOTION MADE BY JIM SCHIPPER AND SUPPORTED BY a guest** to approve the proposed budget for 2008-09 and corresponding rates of tuition as stated in the Annual Meeting report and to endorse Amy Smith for 3 years and Cynthia Gladyness for 1 year as At-large Board of Trustees members.

**MOTION PASSED**

- Budget: 261 yes, 11 no
- Cynthia Gladyness: 193 yes, 17 no
- Amy Smith: 205 yes, 4 no

9. Closing Prayer – Eric Boender, Board Vicar

10. Adjournment: 8:50 p.m.