

**Grand Rapids Christian Schools  
Board of Trustees  
Millbrook Christian School  
December 17, 2007**

**Minutes**

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**Members Present:** Eric Boender, Cathie Brasser, Tricia Dodds, LaRissa Hollingsworth, Dan Holtrop, Dan Hubka, Paul Jeltema, Ross Leisman, Jim McClurg, Jim Schipper, Dave Tiesenga, Gayle VanGessel, Tim Wiersma

**Staff Present:** Tom DeJonge, Jay Laninga, Eric Burgess, Lon Swartzentruber

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** Principals and Administrators: Mary Broene, Ashanti Bryant, Chip Jenkins, Mark Krommendyk, Jim Primus, Jan VanderWerp, Joanne VanderWilp, Mark Warners; Bruce Jelsma and Debbie Truer, Auditors from Dolinka VanNoord; 2007 GRCHS National Merit recipients; M. Swets

1. **Welcome and call to order:** Jim Schipper, President
2. **Devotions:** Dan Holtrop, Millbrook representative
3. **MOTION MADE BY DAN HOLTROP AND SUPPORTED BY PAUL JELTEMA** to approve the minutes of November 19, 2007 as revised:

**M. Executive Session**

**MOTION MADE BY JIM SCHIPPER AND SECONDED BY JIM MCCLURG** to move to Executive Session for the purpose of strategic planning. Staff was excused.

**MOTION PASSED**

4. **Public Comment:** none

**5. Reports**

**A. Superintendent Report – Tom DeJonge**

1. Recognition of National Merit Recipients:
  - Josh Boerman – Semifinalist
  - Emma DeVries – Semifinalist
  - Stephanie Garvelink – Semifinalist
  - Tony Ditta – Commended
  - Sara Feenstra – Commended
  - Kevin Harris – Commended
  - Margaret Haviland – Commended
  - Sarah Langeland – Commended
  - Mitchell Overbeck – Commended
2. **MOTION MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SECONDED BY TRICIA DODDS THAT THE GRAND RAPIDS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS' BOARD OF TRUSTEES** approve the 2008-09 school year calendar as recommended by the Superintendent on December 17, 2007.  
**MOTION PASSED**
3. Tradition of Excellence – Mark Krommendyk, Millbrook Principal, and Shelly Winkle, Millbrook parent, presented an overview of Math Pentathlon, a math enrichment program for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grader students run by parent volunteers at Millbrook Christian School.

**B. Executive Committee – Jim Schipper**

Board of Trustees expressed its thanks to each building principal and all other administrators for all the time, effort, and dedication on behalf of GRCS.

**C. Finance and Operations – Dave Tiesenga**

The 2006-07 Consolidated Financial Statements were distributed to and reviewed with all board members by Bruce Jelsma of Dolinka VanNoord; thanks expressed to Jay Laninga and the Business Office staff for their professional work throughout the year; GRCS received a clean opinion again in 2006-07, compliance with all bond covenants and contracts is present.

**D. Strategic Planning – Tim Wiersma**

Question raised by R. Leisman relative to school budget breakdowns provided to members of the School Program task force being made available to members of the Board of Trustees. Tom will include in next month's report

**6. Correspondence:** None

**7. Public Comment:** M. Swets questioned whether board committee reports could be made available to members of the Association.

**8. Round table**

A. C. Brassler - Rockford Live Nativity is held each year at Rockford Christian, suggestion to hold the December 2008 meeting in Rockford to observe this event.

B. J. Schipper - Thanks expressed to Tom and the staff for another terrific year.

**9. Closing Prayer:** Members of the Board and guests closed the meeting with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

**10. Meeting adjourned:** 6:50 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for 5:00 p.m. (note special time) on January 21, 2008 at GRCMS.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sara Buchholz, GRCS Administrative Assistant