

**Grand Rapids Christian Schools
Board of Trustees
April 17, 2006**

Members Present: Jeff Bouman, Julie Bos, Jim Bush, Brian Hoeksema, Paul Jeltema, Tom Nobel, Jim Schipper, Candace Sorensen, Cindy Van Scoyk, Myra Warners, Tim Wiersma

Staff Present: Tom DeJonge, Jay Laninga, Lon Swartzentruber

Members Absent: Cathie Brassler, Ric Hernandez

1. Welcome and call to order: Jim Schipper
2. Devotions: Reading of Matthew 28 – Resurrection story and prayer
3. **Minutes for the March 13, 2006 and the Annual Meeting minutes** were reviewed.
4. **Items for Information**
 - A. **Executive Committee – Jim Schipper**

Jim will invite M. Swets to attend May Board meeting to discuss Bylaw amendments he has proposed.
 - B. **Superintendent Report – Tom DeJonge**
 - 1.) Review of Proposed Policy Changes, including:
 - GRCS Admissions Policy – first reading, suggested minor revisions prior to next month’s discussion and vote.
 - 2.) Update on principal search process, interview schedule, and selection timeline.
 - C. **Personnel Committee – Jim Schipper**

Update on Displaced Teacher Policy – keep the policy as currently written. This policy is supported by the Administrators, GRCS Faculty Council, and Sylvan Staff
 - D. **Operations and Finance – Jay Laninga**
 - 1.) Presentation of Tuition Collection Procedures
Operations and Finance requested to review proposed section 9d and make final recommendation to Board in May.
 - 2.) Sale of Evergreen Property - Jay reviewed status of potential sale, it will be brought to the Board through Finance and Operations for formal vote when specific details are confirmed.
 - 3.) Review of current year revenue and expense summary. Administrative staff have reduced expenses by approximately \$300,000 from initial deficit projections in January to reduce possible deficit, utilities expense increases \$150,000 over budgeted amounts.
Letter to Parents to help cover heating costs is still a possibility.
 - 4.) **MOTION FROM THE OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY JULIE BOS** to recommend to the GRCS Board of Trustees that responsibility for monitoring the investment performance of the GRCS Foundation be transferred from the GRCS Operations & Finance Committee to the GRCS Foundation Investment Committee.
MOTION PASSED
 - E. **Development Report – Lon Swartzentruber**
 - 1.) Scholars Program – a partnership between donors, ECCES, and GRCS – 30 new scholarships for new minority families – any age child.
 - 2.) Funding Initiative - Communication providing a more detailed summary of the Funding Initiative will be sent to parents and other GRCS constituents on May 9.
5. **Correspondence**

Ric Hernandez will distribute via email a letter received from a Rockford parent.
6. **Round Table**
7. Jeff Bouman closed in prayer
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm
Next Meeting: **May 22, 7:00 pm at Creston** this is a week later but a half hour earlier than normal B of T meetings.