



Woodland Christian High School Fall Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:30 pm in person and via ZOOM

Note: This meeting took place both in person at Woodland and on-line using Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and some people not yet feeling comfortable attending in-person gatherings. 22 participants logged on.

1. Welcome/Devotions – Brian Eelkema, Board Chair

Jamie W. was the online moderator and gave instructions on the procedures of voting on-line and using the chat room for questions.

Brian Eelkema welcomed everyone to the meeting and led attendees in devotions from Acts, focusing on Barnabas to remind us to encourage and respect one another as we walk together through life's challenges.

2. Approve Meeting Agenda

Brian Eelkema motioned to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting, seconded by the Board ahead of time. **Carried**

3. Receive minutes of Fall Membership Meeting

Board made the motion and seconded it ahead of time to receive the minutes of the 2021 Fall Membership Meeting. **Carried**

4. Student Government Report

Michaela Ackland reported on behalf of the student government. This year's theme is "renewal through community" and has accurately reflected all that has been going on throughout the year. Thankful to see that some of the energy of "normalcy" is definitely returning to the school community. Some highlights so far that have helped to foster community: school dances, candygrams at Valentines, Special Emphasis Week focused on DayStar Native Outreach on Manitoulin Island. Favourite Spirit Day so far: *'Anything But a Backpack Day'*

5. Principal's Report – John Van Pelt

Through creative timetables and assemblies we have enjoyed meeting and worshipping together once again. The report attached to agenda is an accurate summary of reasons to celebrate God's goodness in a time of challenge.

Construction of our new outdoor pavilion is underway.

Next year will see some changes in staffing. Wayne Harris and Wilma Guetter will be retiring. Matthew Hazenberg and Mandy Wiebenga have accepted the VP positions offered to them. Mackenzie Loughheed will begin teaching at Woodland in the fall as Mandy takes Parental Leave.



As we look towards the end of the school year we eagerly anticipate the sports programs, choir and band performances and the selection of leaders for a new school year, an awards ceremony celebrating the excellence of our students and finally a graduation ceremony to celebrate the work of our grade 12 class that has been most impacted by the pandemic.

Thank you to the community for patience, prayers, and encouragement during the challenges of each new Covid protocol. We have continued to be united in our love for Christ and love for community. Continue to pray for the staff and students as activities and stress levels ramp up and we head full force into the end of year.

6. Acknowledgment of Retiring Board Members – Andrea Bootsma

Thank you to Brian Eelkema, Dan Adema and Nancy Koetsier – presented with gift.

7. Voting/Affirmation of New Board Members – Andrea Bootsma

Introduction of the four new board members who will begin their term for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Motion made by the Board and seconded ahead of time, to accept Michael Hobbs, Arnold Rumph, Marion Marshall and Leonard Graham as new Board of Director members. **Carried**

8. Voting for Long Range Planning recommendation (Motion) – John VanPelt/Dan Adema

Presentation as laid out in the accompanying Spring Membership Booklet. The Long Range Planning Committee mandate is to explore the long-term direction for Woodland as it relates to capital campaign for development of school property and facility issues and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors. Feasibility study was completed last summer and results were encouraging.

What does it mean to equip students in service to Christ for another 40 years? This recommendation addresses a vision. There would be programs that could benefit immediately as well as many long-term benefits and opportunities, including shared use space such as trails and community gardens to help promote the school.

Motion made by the Board and seconded ahead of time, to approve the actions of the Board of Directors to purchase the 72-acre parcel of land adjacent to the school currently owned by Weiland Investments Inc. at an estimated purchase price of \$2,000,000. **Carried**

Motion made by the Board and seconded ahead of time, to approve the action of the Board of Directors to commence a multistage capital campaign with a goal of \$4,000,000 as described in the support materials. **Carried.**



9. Strategic Plan update

Sarah Bruulsema, board member and strategic plan co-ordinator, reported on the 2019-2024 strategic plan. If you like to see the whole plan at any time, please contact the office.

Current highlights that are being focused on:

- Uniforms: survey is currently underway, and we hope to decide on this beginning in the Fall. UPDATE: stay with current dress code and wait a few years to re-evaluate the school culture for implementation of uniforms.
- Develop student leaders: it is clear how much Covid has affected the student culture. Exciting to see that we are building back. As we so often see in the Bible, in difficult circumstances God is always with us to help us find our way back, often stronger, and more unified than ever before.
- We look forward to the new breakdown of administrative responsibilities in the coming academic year.

10. Budget Presentation (Motion) – Jim Kleefman/Gary Veenstra

Jim Kleefman, Board Treasurer, presented the budget for the coming school year. He pointed out that federal grants have helped us with the Covid relief measures we have received. Rental income has increased now that things are opening up again, which is also a great way to promote the school.

Tuition Assistance Fund continues to be made financially available to all.

Long term debt reduction has been increased to bring our debt down before interest rates rise.

1% increase in total revenues. Tuition rates will increase by 2-3% based on the enrollment at start of school year.

Question: *What is the transportation expense recovery?*

We share our transportation with supporting, feeder schools and they pay us for this service. That is the transportation recovery fund.

Motion made by the Board and seconded ahead of time to accept 2022-2023 budget as presented.
Carried.

11. Woodland Christian School Foundation Report – Paul Branan

The Christian School Foundation holds long term assets from over 100 other schools who invest our money. We hold six funds through the CSF. That money is invested, and we collect the interest. The markets are turbulent, but we have done very well in our first two quarters. The foundation advises to



“temper our expectations moving forward” due to turbulent markets. There are several ways to support Woodland (planned giving, bequests, donor directed funds and transfer of assets). Please talk to Paul if you have any questions.

Questions? none

12. Adjournment – Brian closed in prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.