

"Sharing the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, preparing hearts and minds to impact the world for H im!"

## **Clinton Christian Academy Board Notes**

April 17, 2023

The CCA Board of Directors met in the CCA Art Room for their regular monthly business meeting on Monday, April 17. The meeting began with the opening prayer given by Keith Carmichael.

Allen Huff gave the devotion this month based upon scripture from Proverbs 22:6, "*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*" Allen shared his family's personal experience regarding the impact that CCA had on their son who attended CCA through grade 8. During a recent visit with his son, now age 20 and attending college, a discussion occurred regarding the strong foundation of education that his son had attained at CCA. Allen's son was quick to point out to his dad that the academics received at CCA were a perk, while the **most important** foundation he had gained from CCA was his **love for the Lord**! Allen reminded us all that the mission of CCA gives our students a strong foundation upon which they can build their life!

The financial reports and bills from the month of March were reviewed and approved. Prayer requests were shared.

- Mrs. Ritchie reported that two teachers have received grants from Truman Lake Area Grant Program.
  - Shauna Townsend received a grant in the amount of \$4908 to purchase "gently used" band instruments.
  - Mary Winter received a grant in the amount of \$2150 to purchase a set of 20 graphing calculators that will be available for student use in the upper level math and science courses. Thank you, Jesus, for answered prayer!
- The Board approved hiring grant writer Becky Downey and purchasing a yearly subscription to a donor database called "Instrumentl". Top projects Mrs. Downey will be targeting include funds to support building a new cafeteria and pour-in-place playground surfacing. Please pray that God will direct Mrs. Downey in these grant endeavors over the next year!
- The administration presented revisions to the 2023-24 Student Handbook per recommendations from the Handbook Committee to the Board as a first read. The Board will have a second reading and give final approval of these changes at the May 8 meeting.
- Mrs. Hyke reviewed plans for the 2023 Commencement scheduled for 2 p.m. on May 20 in the CCA Gym.

## **APRIL BOARD ACTION**

- The Board approved the purchase of 20 more red lockers in the amount of \$6995 from Bulte Company to be installed in the west hallway of the upper school. With larger numbers of students moving through our upper school, additional lockers are needed when considering projected enrollment.
- The Board approved hiring Jeremiah Neal for a new full-time upper school teaching position. Mr. Neal has had a wide range of ministry experience working with students on the mission field and at church. Mr. Neal currently serves as a Children's Pastor at Forward Community Church in Holden, MO. Mr. Neal will teach HS Health, Personal Finance, 8<sup>th</sup> grade English, 9<sup>th</sup> grade Bible, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Bible, Psychology with Biblical Worldview, and Current Events. Mr. Neal's wife, Galilee, will be teaching elementary school at CCA next year. The Neal's have five children and reside on the family farm near Leeton. We are excited to have Jeremiah Neal as part of the CCA Ministry Team next year! Welcome Mr. Neal!
- The Board approved hiring Nolan Wilson for the full-time Bible/Social Studies position in the upper school. Mr. Wilson, a recent graduate from Central Methodist University, has experience working with students in church as well as in public school. Mr. Wilson has two daughters currently in grades 2 and 3 at Calhoun. Mr. Wilson is actively involved in First Baptist Church here in Clinton. Mr. Wilson and his wife live here in Clinton and Mrs. Wilson is a veterinarian at a clinic in Warsaw. We are so happy to have Nolan Wilson join the CCA ministry team! Welcome Mr. Wilson!
- CCA is currently advertising for one more elementary teacher, volleyball coaches, and girls' basketball coaches.