



**“Sharing the saving knowledge of Jesus
Christ, preparing hearts and minds to
impact the world for Him!”**

Clinton Christian Academy Board Notes

May 8, 2023

The CCA Board of Directors met in the CCA Art Room for their regular monthly business meeting on Monday, May 8. The meeting began with the opening prayer given by Jeff Lowe.

Kristy Bateman gave the devotion which focused upon letting God fight our battles! Kristy reminded all in attendance that we humans often step into battle trying to use words to strike down our enemies when we should claim victory in Jesus. We should remember to put on the armor of God and remember that God will fight for us. Kristy shared several scriptures including Isaiah 45:2, Deuteronomy 9:3, Psalms 46:10 and I Samuel 2:9. Kristy went on to share seven steps for how to let God fight our battles: (1) Trust the Lord (takes faith & effort); (2) Repent of Sin; (3) Practice Obedience; (4) Find scriptures about how to wait/be still; (5) Find a support group/fellow Christians to encourage and support you; (6) Use the gifts God has given you to serve others; and (7) Practice patience. Thanks Kristy for an inspiring devotion!

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

- Mrs. Ritchie reported that enrollment for next year is currently estimated in the 180's. May 15 is due date for next year's book fees, so numbers for enrollment should be more solid by the next business meeting. There are 12 students from new families on a waiting list for preschool, grade 1 and grade 3. The administration is continuing to get calls regarding enrollment. Please pray that God will lead us about how to minister to all who would like the opportunity for their children to receive a Christian education!
- Mrs. Ritchie updated the board with regard to her research concerning updating CCA's internal and external communication system. A couple of companies are currently bidding an updated VOIP phone system as well as an intercom system so that safety and the efficiency of communication can be addressed in the most feasible manner possible. Our current phone system is very old. We are unable to get refurbished phones for replacement when the old phones die. We can not add more extensions with the old system. With more staff coming aboard, there is a need for a system that will allow us to accommodate our growing number of employees while ensuring the safety of our students and staff. Our grant writer is exploring grant opportunities that may be helpful in supporting this school-wide project.

MAY BOARD ACTION & DISCUSSION

- **The Board approved recommended revisions from the Handbook Committee to the Student Handbook for 2023-24 school year as presented after their second reading this month.**
- **The Board approved a bid from Enviro-Dry in the amount of \$4089.61 for carpet cleaning and waxing tiled areas this summer in preparation for the new school year.**
- **Mrs. Ritchie discussed the challenges CCA is facing with finding bus drivers and getting them the "S" endorsement. Forest Bishop will no longer be driving for CCA next year. First Student will train drivers free of charge if they are willing to work for them and drive one trip per month. One applicant is using this avenue for getting licensed. Another applicant is not able to work for First Student and CCA will be paying his training expense (\$1300) in order for him to receive the "S" endorsement. Because we must have a public school bus to test in, we are grateful that Leesville Schools has agreed to allow one of their drivers take her bus to the testing center so that the applicant can take the bus driving test. Both of our applicants have other jobs, so their schedules are limited for bus driving; thus Mrs. Ritchie is continuing to beat the bushes to find other drivers that can help get our students to activities and field trips. Please continue to pray that God will meet this need!**
- **Mrs. Ritchie reported that she is continuing the job search to fill one more elementary teaching position for next year. Mrs. Hyke has also been following up on several leads for leading our girls' basketball and volleyball programs. God has been providing us with some terrific applicants, so please pray that God will send us the prefect folks to fill our remaining positions!**