

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

## **Clinton Christian Academy Board Notes**

February 19, 2024

The CCA Board of Directors met in the CCA Art Room for their regular monthly business meeting on Monday, February 19. The meeting began with the opening prayer given by Elroy Schumacher.

Jeff Lowe gave this month's devotion. Romans 12:6-8 and John 15:16 were key verses in this month's devotion which focused upon the high calling of those serving on the Christian School Board. Jeff reminded those in attendance that serving CCA in a leadership position can be hard, but is never burdensome, for it is a "calling" of service to the Lord to which individuals have responded. Jeff spoke about resistance that we face as spiritual warfare is waged against our success as a Christian school. While it is easy to lose our focus to important topics related to policy, curriculum, staff, programming, etc. it is important to remember that the job of a board member goes far beyond that to a much higher calling. The responsibility of the Board to our families and staff, whose sacrifices are great in order to be part of the awesome ministry of CCA, cannot be emphasized enough! May we never cease praying for the tremendous responsibility we have in leading all those with whom we come into contact with towards eternal rewards!

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

- Mrs. Ritchie reported that current enrollment is at 179 students and that Commitment Forms for next year indicate that 171 students are planning to return. Numbers for K4 and K5 are still not finalized, so it is expected that enrollment for the new school year will be similar to the current year. Many classes are full again for next year and a waiting list has already begun for any vacant spots that may become available by September.
- Mrs. Ritchie reported that there was a full slate of K4 & K5 students to screen on Friday, Feb. 2 at the CCA Round-Up. Twenty students were screened—9 for K5 and 11 for K4. Tentative numbers indicate full classes for both K4 and K5 next year with a waiting list as parents continue to contact CCA with interest in enrolling at these two grade levels.
- Mrs. Hyke presented information regarding the annual "Pizza Party/Planning for High School" meeting for students and parents of those currently in grades 7 & 8. This meeting is scheduled to be held in the CCA gym on Thursday, Feb. 29 and will focus upon sharing information to help families plan for high school at CCA. Current high school students and parents will be sharing more about the CCA High School experience with those in attendance.

## FEBRUARY BOARD ACTION ITEMS & DISCUSSION

- > The Board approved the CCA school calendar for the 2024-25 school year.
- > The Board approved Upper School Cheer and Scholar Bowl as additions to the CCA extra-curricular offerings. This Board approval will allow Mrs. Hyke to explore the possibilities of finding volunteer coaches and gauging the interest level of students for these new programs.
- > Jeff Lowe presented an Auction update to the Board. As of Monday, Feb. 19, there were approximately 415 items donated with additional items expected to come in as the week progresses. The CCA Auction is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 24 at the Benson Center.
- > The Board continued discussion of facility enhancements with regard to details of Phase I and Phase II. Plans for a Capital Campaign Committee led by Dain Sisk and Kyle Adkins are in process as the Board continues to seek quality individuals to serve and finalize the "next steps" in creating a plan for raising revenues to support facility improvements.
- > The Board finalized the strategic objectives for each pillar in the development of a new CCA Strategic Plan. Two broad objectives for each of the six pillars (Spiritual Culture, People, Quality, Ministry Growth, and Finance) were written and will now be shared with staff committees. Staff committees will be brainstorming for strategies/actions to support improvement of each objective. The staff ideas will then be submitted to the Board, who will choose and finalize specific action steps for the new plan. Deadline for completion of the new plan is August 2024 with implementation of the plan beginning in September 2024.