

Cornerstone Christian Academy
Board of Directors
May 9, 2023

Members present: Paul Buckley, Elinor Casoni, James Colcord, Dan Helgerson, Cindy Hyatt, Steve Smith

Also present: Mike Christensen, Lisa Goodwin, Pierre-Luc Rivard, Thomas Dacey

Notification of Approval: Minutes of the April Board meeting

Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Steve Wuori effective immediately based on a motion by Mrs. Casoni seconded by Mr. Colcord.

Mr. Buckley called the meeting to order at 5:56 PM. Mr. Rivard opened the meeting with prayer.

Upon request, Mr. Rivard and Mr. Christensen reported that the current school atmosphere for both staff and families is positive overall while still working to rebuild hope, trust and enthusiasm. Mrs. Goodwin will be available Wednesdays from 3-4 to meet with parents, students and staff.

Apparently, the Board misunderstood the intention of Mr. Wuori's email regarding continuing to serve at Cornerstone. In response, Mr. Smith made a motion seconded by Mr. Buckley to accept Mr. Wuori's offer to consider his contract fulfilled effective on the date of his email. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Casoni will provide the letter informing Mr. Wuori of this action.

Thomas Dacey joined the meeting to share the vision that he and Mrs. Goodwin have for his employment at Cornerstone and to request an immediate decision on his employment. Ms. Hyatt made a motion seconded by Mr. Smith to offer Mr. Dacey an elementary teaching position and a stipended position as Extracurricular Programs Coordinator at the salaries defined as part of the budget process. Mrs. Goodwin will discuss this arrangement with Mr. Dacey. If he is amenable, Ms. Hyatt will follow up with a contract.

Mrs. LaPlante has submitted a written resignation via email effective May 19, 2023. Options for filling this position with a substitute for the remainder of the school year were discussed.

Review of 2023-2024 teaching positions reveals the need for Kindergarten teacher, Bible teacher, and Middle School Science/Math teacher. There are currently no students enrolled at Kindergarten although there are a couple of options for teachers. Mr. Helgerson and/or Mr. Buckley will follow up on the candidate for Bible teacher.

Current enrollment for 2023-2024 is 42 PK-8. Mr. Rivard shared a list of current students/families that have not registered to date and requested Board assistance in

approaching them about a decision. We also discussed options for increasing enrollment including an Open House.

There is one and possibly two additional candidates for Headmaster. Mrs. Casoni will try to schedule interviews for Wednesday, May 24.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that any volunteers who will be working in the classrooms or with students must be vetted by the Board in addition to completing a Criminal Background check.

Mr. Colcord and Mr. Helgerson have each agreed to another term on the Board.

Mr. Christensen shared an overview of the IOWA Test results from April.

Repairs on Apartment 2 are expected to be finished and ready for occupancy by the first week in June. Mrs. Casoni is completing a review/revision of the lease agreement. After extensive discussion, Board consensus was to discourage the individual who had expressed interest from applying for Apartment 1 due to safety concerns.

Mr. Christensen closed the meeting with prayer at 9:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Hyatt
Secretary