

# Bellevue Christian School Board Meeting Minutes

6:00 pm, Thursday, February 21, 2019

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Board Members Present: *Ruth Burnett, Scott Lampe, Steve Sirich, Roxanne Kidd, Josh Betts, Kirsten Miller, Kevin Dunning, Brock Weedman, Rich Begert, Kelly Curran, David Burnett, Bill Cox, and Christine Satterlee*

Board Members Absent: *Annie Duncan*

Staff Present: *Blake DeYoung, Amy Fox, Katie Meredith, Amanda Albright, and Kirk Utzinger*

Guests: *None*

5:45 Gathering and Fellowship

6:00 General Meeting

Call to order Ruth Burnett called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

Devotions Kirsten Miller – There are opportunities all the time to speak life and light into others.  
Don't let opportunities pass by.

Prayer Ruth Burnett

6:20 Approve minutes of January 17, 2019 **Motion to approve minutes. Motion passed.**

6:25 Reports

- Amanda Albright – Teaching for Transformation

TFT across the campuses brought a spirit of “commit to try” and student engagement as well as growth in curricular ties. On December’s early release day there were a few kids that were asked to stay and talk about how TFT was affecting them. They are learning a humility in life and how things look from another perspective. Students are able to articulate that “this matters” to them. Elevator pitch: Learning that goes further out to go deeper in. Learning and growing in faith by doing real work that impacts (meets the needs of) real people.

All teachers are in TFT. Sometimes they are all together and other times they are with their own grade level. The process of changing organizations takes time, but it has gone well. We are also stepping into more individual coaching and teacher training going forward. There are teachers that help other teachers on each campus.

- Rich Begert – Facilities Update

We do not have an agreement with Sacred Heart just yet. However, the attorneys are working on a draft for it. No answer on rerouting for cables. (PowerPoint presentation of new building and how it might look shared.) Visited other buildings to confirm aesthetic choices.

- Kirk Utzinger – Capital Campaign Update

Why do you think the pace has been slow? Haven't asked people.

The community will hear it all at the unveiling at the signature event. Of the 140 people that were prospects, 30 are left “in play” at this time. This group is mainly built around the “capacity” to give.

(Steve Sirich) Perhaps we sort out where all these people ended up. Did they give and if not, why not. It is hard to render judgement on the success of the campaign based on the information given. We've been at this for a year this Spring.

Suggestion from Kirk that we need a local touch from a faith-based consulting firm to help us. Also need to add 3 new campaign positions.

We are averaging about 4 new planned gifts per year. It's not usually something that has had a conversation prior. It just shows up.

Driving this schedule is more to do with permits than much else. All the basics of the build are online already and have been for quite some time.

Decision by board to stay the course and see where we get between now and the event on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- Kevin Dunning – Head of School Highlights

T&I – does the board care if it isn't chaired by a board member? Board is fine with this. The Board was not comfortable with two individuals from the same family on the T&I Committee.

- We have more new kids enrolled by triple than last year this time. At Mack, we are 10% behind where we were last year. This is the first enrollment report so take with a grain of salt. (Detailed enrollment to come) Looking into some ways to reach out and change our diversity. Vicki & Jennifer have been in Florida for the CSI convention for principals. Next year will be a self-study year for accreditation. We will need to prepare an educational program for the next 5 years and we will need to add TFT in there.

We are pretty much through our strategic plan, which means we need a new one. Using a consultant is a good idea to help facilitate this. Perhaps a Spring time prep to then make this happen starting next year.

- Administrative Recommendations

Board Policy Manual change – Administrative Recommendation 1: **Motion to** approve the revisions to the Board Policy Manual section 10000. All in favor. **Motion approved.**

Administrative Recommendation 2: That the Board adopt the presented draft of a gender identity statement for review by members of the BCS community (including the Trusteeship Committee, Senior Leadership, Faculty, and PTF Leadership). Recommendation approved.

8:00 Action

- Approve Audit Report – Postponed to next meeting
- Approve revisions to Board Policy Manual Section 10000 – see above

**Motion to Adjourn** at 9:57pm. **Motion Approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rich Begert, Secretary

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Ruth Burnett, President