



**TCS Board Meeting Open Session Minutes  
10/15/24 @ 7:06 PM**

**Trinity Christian School – 901 Shorewood Dr. Shorewood, IL 60404**

**Board Members in Attendance**

Jonas Byrer  
Jennifer Danielson  
Shawn Doorhy  
John Herod  
JD Zeeman – virtually

**Staff Members in Attendance**

Steve Baly  
Deanne Bekermeier  
Amy Boutte  
Ellen Rasmussen  
Adalys Coliane  
Jack Hayward  
Jon Vugteveen - @7:20

**Community Members in Attendance**

None

**Devotions: Jonas B.**

- Truth for Kids – Giving
- Mark 12:41-42 & 2 Corinthians 9:7

**Prayer Requests/Prayer: Jonas B.**

- Bless the donation TCS will make through Student Council \$ Dress down to ACSI schools in Florida affected by hurricane.
- Preschool teacher brain condition

**Minutes Approved: September 2024**

- Motion by Jonas B.
- Second by Shawn D.
- Minutes approved
- Open Session minutes to be put on school website by Jack Hayward.

**\*Written Reports provided for the General Session. See Teams folders for full reports.**

**Special Events: Adalys C. (See Report)**

- Walkathon was a huge success!

- Raised over our \$85,000 goal.
- Total donations were \$93,201.86.
- Secured \$20,000 in donations in addition to walkathon total.
- Walkathon will wrap up with a top seller lunch with Mr. V.
- Pastor appreciation breakfast
  - Starbucks and Matty's Grill donated coffee and food.
  - Breakfast will be after chapel.
- Grandparents' day planning underway.
  - Black light art gallery will be on display.
  - Donations received through sign-ups.

### **Preschool Report: Amy B. (See Report)**

- Preschool going very well!

### **Admissions Report: Ellen R. (See Report)**

- 21 prospective students since September.
- 9 students have started the application process. None finished yet.
- Student evaluation tomorrow.
- Families indicate an interest in changing schools is due to bullying issues or not satisfied with public school.
- 303 students currently.

### **Development Report: Jack H. (See Report)**

- Vision magazine finished and printed. A copy will go home with the youngest student in each family.
- Working to physically print and mail a copy to alumni and donors.
- Looking to increase alumni engagement.
- Doing an alumni spotlight in Vision.
- Sending a post card to alumni, grandparents, and donors after StuCo prays for these supporters during StuCo chapel.
- Postcards will help to make sure addresses are correct and then will use those correct addresses as a mailing address for Vision.
- Jack is evaluating the effectiveness of Raiser's Edge and considering whether or not the cost of this platform is worth the functionality.
- Jack is looking into what we actually need in a donor database and researching best platforms for this software.
- Blackbaud is our accounting software. Considering Quickbooks or Sage. Both less expensive than Blackbaud (S. Baly comments).
- Deanne and Jack will work on a year-end giving campaign starting with giving Tuesday and running through the end of the year.

### **Development Report: Deanne B. (See Report)**

- Deanne worked with Beth Alexander to discuss blessing Fred and Beth for their service over the years. Beth does not want a party.
- Considering other options
  - Gift – similar to ONU penant
    - Picture of all the kids under his leadership that come together and make some type of artwork – eagle, cross etc.
  - Naming a portion of the building after them.
  - Naming a scholarship after them.
  - Seeking out donors to see if they would donate in honor of Fred and Beth’s service.
  - Doing a spread in Vision magazine. Looking for people to video and interview regarding his service.
- TCS won best elementary school for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.
- TCS Preschool won top 3 for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

**Director of Education Report: Jon V. for Rachel W. (See Report)**

- Accreditation
  - Board Requirements – training needs to be done before February.
- Purpose, Expertise, and Resource Domain
  - Need 2-3 evidences per indicator.
  - Board needs to put this together in report form by Feb.

**HOS Report: Jon V. (See Report)**

- Great start to the school year!
- Chapels have been awesome!
- Looking forward to baptism service on 11/13/24. Mr. V. has gotten positive feedback about this.
- The Village church is working to be ready for their first service on 11/3. Practice run on 10/13 went well with 80 people in attendance.

**Maintenance Report: Tom F. presented by Jon V. (See Report)**

- Need to get more quotes for fixing air conditioning in gym.
- Could be an expensive fix.

**PTM Report: Kari S. presented by Jon V. (See Report)**

- Mr. V. invited board members to Chili’s night on 10/24/24.
  - 11 am – 4 pm and 5 pm – 9 pm. 15% donation.

**Director of Business Services Report: Steve B.**

- None

**Open Session (30 minute max, 3 minute time limit):**

- None

### **Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned for Open Session at 8:15.

Next Open Session – November 19, 2024, 7:00| 901 Shorewood Dr. Shorewood, IL 60404