

LANSING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
**Fall Association Meeting**  
November 09, 2009  
Minutes

1. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. Marv Helmker, Board President  
Introduction of LCS Board Members
2. Devotions and Prayer Tim Blamer
3. Review of Spring 2009 Association Meeting Minutes  
**MOTION: To approve the Spring 2009 Association Meeting Minutes as presented.**  
**Motion: ACCEPTED**
4. Financial Report
  - a. 2008-2009 Audit Report Plante Moran
  - b. Enrollment Report Pam Campbell  
Current enrollment is 597 FTE (compared to 635 last year)  
7% decline is consistent with like schools in this current economy.
  - c. Financial Status Mary Dunsmore
    - Tuition pays for the opportunity to have a Christian education
    - 79% of total income dollars go to pay teachers and staff.
    - Total income includes both tuition and private donations
    - Our LCS Financial goal is to have current year's tuition fund the current year school program. We are working on budgets that will not carry over a deficit into the following school year.
  - d. Presentation of the Amended Budget Mary Dunsmore  
Mary reviewed recent adjustments to this year's budget, noting that the amended budget is balanced and reflects current student enrollment.
5. Great Things at LCS
  - a. Hidden Treasures Update Joy Witte
    - Celebrating 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of store opening
    - Steady income
    - Challenge of increased expenses due to the burden of property taxes and the need to increase paid staff positions.
    - Continued success will depend on increased and steady VOLUNTEER SUPPORT from the LCS community
  - b. LCS Foundation Charley Janssen / Carol Feuss
    - Foundation Overview: Investing in Children. Transforming lives
    - 501c3 charitable organization to raise funds to support LCS
  - c. Elementary Update Barb Floria, principal
    - Appreciation for and support of Excellent Elementary teachers

- Report of very good performance of our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders on standardized testing.

d. After School programs

Jena Williams

- After school programs help to enhance student skills and interests outside of classroom experiences.
- K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade programs in music strings/vocals. Academic games, and cooking.
- Future program development in the areas of service, nature study, dance

e. E-Beam

Pam Williams

Pam offered a demonstration of progress in teaching methods using the interactive white board (E beam). Kids are able to participate in activities and get instant feedback about their skills / answers.

f. Secondary Update

Wendy Hofman. Principal

- Emphasis on promoting a student culture that honors God, teachers and each other.
- Cultivating student leadership through development of Student Council and National Honor society service.
- PUSH—Student led challenge to peers
- Single gender homeroom devotions
- Appreciation for our Excellent teaching staff
- Looking for Alumni feedback and measuring success outcomes

g. Middle School Focus

Kate Guerrero

- Focus on building community; improving peer relationships
- Multi grade “family groups” for promoting leadership and positive support / team building
- 2 week academic booster program / Academic support activities
- Teacher involvement across all 3 grades for improved communication and consistency

h. Athletics

Pam Campbell

- Improving organization and coordination across all school athletics programs
- Need for Family / volunteer support to assist with ticket booths, concessions and transportation of athletes

6. Summary Comments

Pam Campbell

7. Prayer / adjournment 8:30 pm

David Chapman

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shari Nussdorfer, LCS Board Secretary