

**MORRISON CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
MORRISON ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

August 29, 2006 (10:30 a.m.)
Kaohsiung

Trustees present:

Barry Owen
Ron West
Mark McCrary
Don Bettinger
David Lin
Craig Preston
Laura Spinella
Peter Wong

Associate Trustees present:

Alicia Edwards
Amy Gibson
Mark Harbour
Nan Herring Scott (by video conference)

Others present:

Tim McGill
Michele Law
Jeff Sheppard

Last Action:

06-25

Barry Owen led devotions, which was followed by board prayer for the school.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA
06-26**

MOTION PREVAILED, to approve the agenda.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS
06-27**

The following were elected:
Vice Chair: Ron West
Treasurer: Mark McCrary
Secretary: Alicia Edwards

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**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES
06-28**

MOTION PREVAILED, to approve the minutes of May 23, 2006, with the following corrections: on page 2 under System Planning Committee, remove remainder of sentence after “property.” On page 5 change “raising” to “rising.”

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES
06-29**

MOTION PREVAILED, to approve the minutes of June 2, 2006.

Administrative Report

Tim McGill

Many Christian schools mission statements include the phrase “Christ-centered culture.” This is commonly reflected in their statement of faith, staff, curriculum and admissions policies. Tim McGill believes that the defining characteristics of a Christ-centered school culture are living in community and in communion with God.

A review of system-wide initiatives included:

- Assessment of Vision for our Learners Statement, the *DAP Survey* Assessment of school culture (formerly referred to as *40 Assets*)
- Integrated curriculum development, professional development, and accreditation (ASP) program
- Biblical Worldview Integration
- Collaborative Planning Time
- Web-based lessons planning for pandemic preparation
- The School Improvement Plan

All campuses are operating within enrollment limitations set out in policy 5250. The Kaohsiung Campus MK ratio is at 21% since non-missionary enrollment has declined over the past 4 years. To operate efficiently, each campus needs at least 50 missionary students.

The Taichung Site Plan 2006 Updates was distributed.

Annual Fund pledge forms were distributed, and trustees are encouraged to contribute.

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Jeff Sheppard

Accreditation by School Progress (ASP) protocol is being finalized. The overarching goal for this ASP project over the next two years will be: Improving student learning by developing an understanding and capacity among staff to articulate and reflect upon Morrison curriculum via technology.

Michele Law

Michele reported on finance and operations. The system finished in a positive financial position with a current fund revenue of NT\$ 37,964,324. This amount does not include building fee revenue. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, total income was 104% of the budget, which was similar to last year's benchmark (103%). Total expenses were 94% of budget, which was lower than last year's benchmark of 95%. On the balance sheet of June 30, 2006, "Cash" in the current fund is much higher than that in 2005 because of the Fall 2006 tuition collected in June.

Bob Walter

Sixteen students are enrolled in Chiayi. Kaohsiung currently has 162 students enrolled. This year's theme is "Unselfish living: a servant not a celebrity." Parents Advisor Committee set a goal of NT\$600,000 for the Annual Fund. Bob is enjoying mentoring Gabe Choi who will take his place as principal in Kaohsiung next school year.

New Business

The Board Professional Development retreat will be conducted on October 4-5. The locations of several other meetings have been revised so that the Board can meet in Chiayi one time this year.

October 4-5, 2006	Sun Moon Lake
November 14, 2006	Taichung (campus)
January 16, 2007	Chiayi
March 13, 2007	Taichung (System Services office)
May 22, 2007	Bethany

Committee Assignments were made.

System Planning—Amy Gibson*, Mark McCrary, Craig Preston

LDC—Alicia Edwards*, Nan Scott, Ron West

Policy—Laura Spinella*, David Lin, Don Bettinger

Finance—Mark McCrary*, Peter Wong, Mark Harbour

Executive Committee—Barry Owen*, Ron West, Don Bettinger, and Laura Spinella

Dorm Advisory—Barry Owen

*Indicates committee chair

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Committees met to set goals for 2006-07. (attached)

Trustee Meeting Evaluation

Some felt rushed or pressured to make goals for their committees so quickly. A special thanks to Bonnie McGill for her wonderful hospitality and delicious snacks. Several liked having meeting/installation dinner/orientation all in one day. Nan's connection and ability to hear seemed much better.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Edwards (assisted by Laura Spinella)
Board Secretary