

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

MINUTES

November 14, 2006
Taichung Campus, 3rd floor

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
Bruce Moore
Robert Turner
Dan Robinson
Tim Heading

Last Action:

06-32

Peter Wong challenged us about maintaining a wider picture by stepping back and reminding ourselves that we all are God's mouths, hands, and feet. The world is full of contradictions. Thankfully, we have the opportunity to speak the Word of God into the lives of the students so they can face the future with the Word of God, the example of godly teachers and the tools they have gained at Morrison.

Barry Owen led us in a prayer time for Morrison administrators, staff, and students.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA
06-33**

MOTION PREVAILED, to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES
06-34**

MOTION PREVAILED, to approve the minutes of October 5, 2006.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Robert Turner

Robert Turner reported on the current dorm situation. Overall, there is a positive atmosphere in the dorm. Even though each dorm parent's style varies, a unity exists because they all desire to have a strong relationship with each student.

Dan Robinson

Overall, the high school continues to enjoy a positive spiritual climate. He highlighted the Career day and the College Fair day. Both of these days were very well received. The EARCOS Conference and International Christian Educational Consortium (ICEC) were very informative and were a great opportunity for networking with other Christian schools. He asked for prayers for finding mentors for the freshman boys, the Christmas project, Junior Carnival, and the Annual Fund Project.

Tim Heading

Tim Heading reported on the Elementary and Middle School. The elementary is in the midst of a spiritual life week. Several 1st graders, from non-Christian homes, gave their lives to the Lord. Reading buddies are still a positive influence in the elementary. They are finding it difficult to get enough parent volunteers for after school sports. The Middle school offers several outreaches into the community and these are going well.

Michele Law

Michele Law reported on finance and operations. Income and Expense Report Total Income is 54% of the budget, which is about the same as last year's benchmark 54%. Total Expenses is 32% of budget, which is lower than last year's benchmark of 36%.

The lease proposal to the Taipei City government is being revised.

Merryland kindergarten is considering lease or sale of the Taichung property when the current lease expires in December 2007.

The old Kaohsiung property has a potential buyer.

SYSTEM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Recommendation to Finance Committee: To provide funding for the first phase of the site plan which includes Learning Street and faculty housing C.

Recommendation to Policy Committee: To review current responsibilities of both the Finance Committee and the System Planning Committee and to revise the responsibilities of Finance Committee according to current practice as well as according to the responsibilities it would assume from the defunct System Planning Committee. (See attachment)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Recommendation to Policy Committee: To change Policy 4285, specifically the “Consideration” paragraph to the following:

On behalf of the Board Finance Committee, the Director of Operations will authorize the distribution of Financial Aid Grants and administer the Financial Aid Account on a semester basis. The Finance Committee would authorize exceptional and extreme hardship cases as referred by administration. In case of questions regarding the decision of the Board Finance Committee, parents may appeal to the Board of Trustees for further consideration.

Recommendation to Policy Committee: To change Policy 4286, specifically the second paragraph to the following:

Alumni Scholarships will be authorized by the Director of Operations, reported to Board Finance Committee, and paid from the Financial Aid account (Policy #4285).

Recommendation to Policy Committee: To change Policy 1340, specifically the second paragraph to the following:

The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees serving as Chairperson, two additional Trustees, and the Director of Operations. The duties of the committee are to:

1. review financial status, including budget proposals and revisions;
2. recommend to the Board approval of contracts for construction and remodeling for projects greater than NT\$300,000;
3. recommend to the Board approval of contracts for long-term leases, selling and/or purchasing property.
4. approve Missionary and Christian Worker Discounts;
5. oversee the Financial Aid Account and Financial Aid Grants;
6. review the Finance and Operations section of the Policy Manual and Financial and Operations sections of the Administrative Procedure Manual once every four years.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION MOTION PREVAILED, to authorize
06-35 the administration to proceed with architectural drawing for the Learning Street and Faculty Housing C of the updated Taichung Site Plan 2006 distributed on August 29 Board meeting.

ARRPOVAL OF RECOMMENDATION MOTION PREVAILED, to authorize
06-36 the administration to research a loan with a bank or missions to finance the Dorm and Faculty Housing A & B construction, using non-instructional property (such as faculty row, system services, property designated for lease or sale) as collateral for the bank loan.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE

MEETING DATES

06-37

MOTION PREVAILED, to approve the following as next school year's meeting dates:
September 4, 2007—Taichung (System Services)
October 4-5, 2007—Board Retreat (Central)
November 27, 2007—Kaohsiung
January 22, 2008—Chiayi
March 18, 2008—Taichung
May 27, 2008—Taipei

The board decided to focus our devotional time together around the book entitled The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn starting in January.

POLICY COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF POLICIES

06-38

MOTION PREVAILED, to accept the following policies as second readings:
#3110 EMPLOYMENT OF EXPATRIATE PERSONNEL
#5640 STUDENT TRAVEL
#4296 INVESTMENTS
#2011 MORRISON ACADEMY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART—with the name change of Assistant Superintendent for Business Services to Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services.

The following policies were accepted as first readings:

#6200 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE BOARDING DIVISION

#6250 RESIDENCE IN TAIWAN (to be deleted)

APPROVAL OF POLICIES

06-39

MOTION PREVAILED, to accept the following policy as a first and second reading:

- 1340 FINANCE COMMITTEE
- 1350 SYSTEM PLANNING COMMITTEE
- 2031 SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (SAC)
- 3131 HARASSMENT - EMPLOYEE
- 3530 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- 4270 RISK MANAGEMENT
- 4292 CONTRACTS WITH VENDORS
- 4295 FINANCE PROCEDURE MANUAL
- 4296 INVESTMENTS

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- 4297 CASH MANAGEMENT
- 4320 TUITION AND FEES
- 5320 SELECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
- 5460 HARASSMENT - STUDENT
- 6120 BOARDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- 6200 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE BOARDING DIVISION
- 6270 APPEAL RIGHTS
- 6410 SPIRITUAL CARE
- 6450 DISCIPLINE
- 6460 SEARCH AND SEIZURE
- 6490 CONFIDENTIALITY

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion of the old Kaohsiung property.

Next meeting is on January 16, 2007 in Chiayi.

Trustees will meet with the High School's Parent Advisory Committee following the meeting.

TRUSTEE MEETING EVALUATION

Nan Scott had trouble hearing when several were talking. The process of only reading the recommendations from each committee made the meeting flow smoother and our discussions more productive.

Meeting ended in prayer at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Edwards
Board Secretary