

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

MINUTES

October 3, 2008 (11:38 a.m.)
3rd Floor Conference Room, Taichung Campus

Trustees present: Mark McCrary
Ron West Designee
Don Bettinger
Laura Spinella
David Lin
Melody Penney

Associate Trustees present: Jim Andrews
Alicia Edwards
Amy Gibson
Anne Ijäs

Others present: Tim McGill
Michele Law
Bruce Moore

Last Action: **08-29**

The Board participated in the Staff Worship and Professional Development time with Dr. Richard Edlin.

Don Bettinger led the Trustees in a prayer time.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA
08-30**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve the agenda with the addition of "2.6.1 School Culture Task Force" under new business.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
08-31**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve the minutes of September 2, 2008.

Administrative Reports

Tim McGill

Tim handed out a diagram that highlighted the different areas that work together in a Christ-centered educational environment to equip students to dynamically impact their world as Christians. He also reported the Taichung construction project was on schedule and within budget.

Michele Law

At the end of the August 31, 2008, total income was 50% of the budget, which is slightly lower than last year's benchmark (51%). Total expenses were 18% of budget, which is the same as last year's benchmark. As of September 15, 2008, student enrollment was 830 which is 1.7% below the budgeted enrollment of 845.

Michele reported that the Taiwan government is planning to levy income tax on elementary and middle school teachers, probably effective January 2009.

Bruce Moore

Bruce reported on the Capital Campaign as of September 30, 2008. While he has been developing donor relationships, one of the greatest insights he has gained through this process is realizing what motivates people to give to Morrison. Some of the reasons are identifying with the mission statement, a desire to honor Robert Morrison for his efforts of translating the Word of God into Chinese, and personally experiencing the love of Jesus that is reaching families. Bruce is exploring how to better communicate the relevance of Morrison's ministry to the local community.

Finance Committee

Amy Gibson reported from the Finance Committee.

**APPROVAL OF FUNDS
08-32**

MOTION PREVAILED, to authorize up to NT5,000,000 from the Plant and Development Fund for the purchase of furniture and equipments for the Taichung EMS construction project.

The Board had a prayer time for Michele Law.

Leadership Committee

Alicia Edwards reported from the Leadership Committee.

There was a discussion about Morrison's strategic priorities as submitted by the superintendent and modified by the Board. It was decided all should be implemented immediately with the exception of one item which will require more research and possible policy changes. A task force was established to assist in clarifying that matter.

New Business

A School Culture Task Force was appointed by the Chair and confirmed by the Board to survey faculty, students and parents about Morrison's school culture and report their findings to Trustees. This task force will consist of Amy Gibson, Mark McCrary, Melody Penney and Jim Andrews (Chair).

Trustee Evaluation

It was good to be on campus with staff during their PD day. It would be helpful if committees were more descriptive in their committee minutes especially when there is a recommendation made to the Board. The trustees confirmed the value of the prayer times during the Board meeting.

The Board had a special prayer time for Tim & Bonnie McGill, Mark McCrary and future school decisions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Edwards
Board Secretary