

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

MINUTES

January 13, 2009 (10:25 a.m.)
Conference Room, Chiayi Satellite Campus

Trustees present: Mark McCrary
Ron West
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
Matt Strange
Gabe Choi

Last Action: **08-43**

Jim Andrews led the Trustees in a devotion and prayer time.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA
09-01**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve the agenda with the following changes:
Under committee reports, changing 4.5.1 to "Leadership Committee", 4.5.2. to "Policy Committee", 4.5.3 to "Finance Committee", and under new business, changing the policy "5332" to "5330".

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
09-02**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve the minutes of November 25, 2008.

Executive Committee action 08-02 dated December 18, 2008 was reported to the Board.

Administrative Reports

Gabe Choi

Gabe reported that both the Chiayi and Kaohsiung campuses are doing well. He is thankful for the staff on the Chiayi campus. Kaohsiung will have at least 11 new students for the second semester. Kaohsiung's spiritual emphasis week is next week. The theme is "Have Courage". Wesley Lim, a youth pastor from Canada, will be the speaker.

Matt Strange

The current curriculum task forces (Science, Technology, Physical Education, Guidance, and Health) are continuing to make good progress. Over 70 Morrison teachers attended the ICEC Teacher Conference in Hong Kong. Looking ahead, the focus of the next two PD days will be Biblical World Integration (BWI).

Michele Law

As of November 30, 2008, total income was 53% of the budget, which is the same as last year's benchmark (53%). Total expenses were 38% of budget, which is slightly lower than last year's benchmark (39%). As of December 15, 2008, the projected student enrollment for spring 2009 is 850 which is 0.5% higher than the budgeted enrollment of 845.

Negotiations for sale of the MAK property have been finalized. SAC and Finance Committee reviewed the first draft of the 2009-2010 budget on January 7, 2009.

Tim McGill

Tim gave a report that highlighted information from student and alumni surveys to help Trustees gain a better understanding of the school culture on each of the campuses.

Committee Reports

Leadership Committee

Alicia Edwards reported from the Leadership Committee. The Leadership Committee reviewed the 3000 series in the Policy Manual. The Leadership committee referred policies #4253 FUND RAISING FOR MORRISON ACADEMY, #3616 SUPERINTENDENT-EVALUATION, #3020 CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS, #3120 MISSION PARTNERSHIP to the Policy Committee for further revision. The Leadership Committee made Staff Appreciation Dinners and Senior Luncheon committee assignments. The committees are as follows:

Taichung -- May 15, Melody Penney

Kaohsiung -- May 22, Jim Andrews, Amy Gibson, David Lin

Taipei -- May 26, Anne Ijäs, Don Bettinger, Alicia Edwards, Mark McCrary,
and Ron West

Senior Luncheon -- Alicia Edwards

Policy Committee

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Don Bettinger reported from the Policy Committee. The committee reviewed the Operations Section 400 of the Procedures Manual.

**APPROVAL OF POLICIES
09-03**

MOTION PREVAILED, to accept the following policy as a second reading:
#6200 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
TO THE BOARDING DIVISION
#1200 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD
#1330 LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
#1000 MORRISON CHRISTIAN
ASSOCIATION BOARD OF
TRUSTEES
#1310 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
#2011 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

**APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE MEETING
DATES
09-04**

MOTION PREVAILED, to accept the following dates and locations for the 2009/2010 Board of Trustee meetings:
September 8, 2009—Taichung
October 1-2, 2009—Board Retreat,
Central Taiwan
November 17, 2009—Kaohsiung
January 12, 2010—Taichung
March 16, 2010—Taichung
May 25, 2010—Taipei

Finance Committee

Amy Gibson reported from the Finance Committee.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2009/2010
TUITION FEES
09-05**

MOTION PREVAILED, to approve the following fees for the 2009/2010 school year:

REGISTRATION: NT\$25,000

TUITION (per semester)

K-Grade 5 NT\$156,500

Grades 6-9 \$171,000

Grades 10-12 \$188,600

BUILDING FEE (per semester): NT\$15,000

DORM FEES (per semester)

Dorm Program NT\$151,900

Dorm Facility Fee \$15,000

Food Stuffs \$18,700

School Culture Task Force

Jim Andrews reported from the School Culture Task Force committee. The goal of this task force is to survey faculty, students and parents about Morrison's school culture and report their findings to the Board. There was a discussion about the questions that will make up the different surveys.

New Business

**APPROVAL OF EXCEPTION TO
POLICY #5330 INSTRUCTIONAL
TIME REQUIREMENTS
09-07**

MOTION PREVAILED, to authorize an exception to policy #5330 INSTRUCTIONAL TIME REQUIREMENTS for the Taichung kindergarten through grade eight classes. Students will be excused from three instructional days, April 2, 3, and 14, in order to move to the new classrooms.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Taichung Campus will be on April 24, 2009.

Trustee Evaluation

Gabe Choi and the staff at Chiayi did a great job making arrangements for the meeting. Lunch was delicious. The committees were very well prepared.

Trustees had a prayer time for the Chiayi teachers.

Meeting ended in prayer at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Edwards
Board Secretary