

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

MINUTES

May 12, 2023 (9:45 a.m.)
Morrison Academy-Chiayi

Trustees present:

Matt Bandy
Mark Dinnage (online)
Peter Dodd
Sharon Hearn
Barry Owen (online)
Joseph Swanson
Vong Im (online)
Beth Wyse

Associate Trustees present:

Cheryl Dunn
Will McKelleher (online)
Allen Messimer

Others present:

Julie Heinsman
Matt Sawatzky
Brandon Chancler

Last Action:

23-07

For the devotion, Joseph Swanson talked about Flourishing and Shalom; the book “Jesus: the Path to Human Flourishing.” Stress in teachers and administrators, which can be on par with front-line healthcare professionals, is negatively correlated to flourishing schools. In order for schools to truly flourish, staff and students should be able to experience rest in God, Shalom, and community.

The Board then moved into a time of prayer for our campuses and personal requests.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND
CONSENT AGENDA
23-08**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve the agenda and consent agenda in accordance with policy 1435 CONSENT AGENDA, including the following resolutions:

- approval of the March 9, 2023 Board Minutes
- Acceptance of the April 18, 2023 Governance Committee Minutes
- Policy change - 4288 Robert Morrison Fund
- Policy change - 2011 Organizational Chart

- Name change - Director of Boarding to Boarding Supervisor
- Name Change - Director of Human Services to Director of Human Resources
- Acceptance of the April 18, 2023 Finance Committee Minutes
- Acceptance of the Administrative Report as presented
- Acceptance of the April 12, 2023 SAC Meeting Notes

**APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATE TRUSTEE
23-09**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve Mike Kuo as a new Associate Trustee for the 2023-24 fiscal year in accordance with policy 1115 SELECTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD OFFICER
23-10**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve Allen Messimer as Board Vice Chair for the 2023-24 fiscal year in accordance with policies 1200 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD and 1220 VICE CHAIR.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD OFFICER
23-11**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve Barry Owen as Treasurer for the 2023-24 fiscal year in accordance with policies 1200 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD and 1240 TREASURER.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD OFFICER
23-12**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve Sharon Hearn as Secretary for the 2023-24 fiscal year in accordance with policies 1200 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD and 1230 SECRETARY.

In accordance with policies 1210 BOARD CHAIR and 1310 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Mark Dinnage appointed the following people to serve as Executive Committee Members for 2023-24 school year: Sharon Hearn (One Mission Society), Beth Wyse (TEAM), Matt Bandy (IMB), and Barry Owen (WorldVenture).

- Governance Committee in accordance with Policy 1330: Cheryl Dunn (Chair), Mark Dinnage (Ex Officio), Julie Heinsman (Ex Officio), Beth Wyse, Sharon Hearn, Allen Messimer, Matt Bandy, Brandon Chancler, and Mike Kuo

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- Finance Committee in accordance with Policy 1340: Barry Owen (Chair), Mark Dinnage (Ex Officio), Julie Heinsman (Ex Officio), Joseph Swanson, Will McKelleher, Peter Dodd, and Matt Sawatzky
- Campus Communication Coordinators in accordance with Policy 1350:
 - Taipei Campus: Will McKelleher
 - Taichung Campus: Allen Messimer
 - Chiayi Campus: Peter Dodd
 - Kaohsiung Campus: Barry Owen

The Board discussed the Committee and Board Meeting Dates for the 2023-24 fiscal year, as follows:

Tues., August 29, 2023 - First Committee Meetings, SS
Wed., September 13 - Fri., Sept. 15 - Board Retreat, [Great Roots Forestry Spa Resort](#)
Thurs., October 5, 2023 - Board Meeting, SS
Tues., November 14, 2023 - Committee Meetings
Tues., December 5, 2023 - Board Meeting, MAT
Fri., February 23, 2024 - Committee Meetings
Tues., March 5, 2024 - Board Meeting MAK
Tues., April 16, 2024 - Committee Meetings
Fri., May 10, 2024 - Board Meeting MAC

**APPROVAL OF
SUPERINTENDENT REVIEW
23-13**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve the Superintendent Review in accordance with policy 1330 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE.

The Board has appointed a Learning Needs Task Force for the 2023-2024 school year. Sharon Hearn will serve as chair, and Allen Messimer will be a member. Additional members will be added as appropriate.

**APPROVAL OF 2023-24 BOARD
GOALS
23-14**

ACCEPTED the 2023-24 Board Goals as follows.

- I. Continue to support Julie in the superintendent role.**
 - A. Provide ongoing prayer support and stay in contact with Julie in times of need/stress
 - B. Be alert to opportunities to come alongside in personal support of Julie and Ron
- II. Strategic Planning for Mission Sustainability**
 - A. Learning Needs Task Force
 - B. Selection of New Associate Trustees
 - C. Review Strategic Planning Task Force results, especially for new Trustees

III. Develop Christian Community

- A. Assess how all campuses are demonstrating the core values of “following Jesus Christ” and “proclaiming God’s Truth to the world”.
- B. Attend special activities or programs on each campus.
- C. Board Meetings or committee meetings on all campuses throughout the year.
- D. Provide community events on each campus, hosted by the Trustees, to encourage relationship and openness.

IV. Professional Learning Sessions at each Board Meeting throughout the year.

- A. Mark Dinnage and Julie Heinsman will provide a brief professional learning at each board meeting.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD
EVALUATION
23-15**

ACCEPTED the Board Evaluation in accordance with policy 1030 DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

**APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR
MAK ADDITIONAL LAND
EXPANSION
23-16**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve funds for MAK additional land expansion.

**APPROVAL OF BOARDING
LIMIT EXCEPTION
23-17**

APPROVED a Boarding Limit Exception for the 2023-2024 school year, in accordance with policy 6210 MISSIONARY TO NON-MISSIONARY RATIO.

Professional Learning led by Allen Messimer on Section 5 of Flourishing Together, which focuses on well-being and resilience. Resilience is linked specifically to the student well-being because it refers to the ability to persevere during difficult circumstances. According to Corey Keyes, “Well-being is not simply the absence of illness; rather, well-being can be assessed on a continuum of flourishing to languishing.” Not surprisingly, loving environments are at the very heart of the issue of well-being.

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The meeting was closed in prayer at 15:00 by Peter Dodd.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Hearn
Board Secretary