



**TCS Board Meeting Open Session Minutes  
9/17/24 @ 7:00 PM**

**Trinity Christian School – 901 Shorewood Dr. Shorewood, IL 60404**

**Board Members in Attendance**

Jonas Byrer  
Jennifer Danielson  
Shawn Doorhy  
John Herod  
Dave Payton - virtually  
JD Zeeman – virtually

**Staff Members in Attendance**

John Baker  
Steve Baly  
Emily Goral  
Rachel Woodford

**Community Members in Attendance**

Christina Vabeck

**Devotions: JD Z.**

- Visible Traces of Jesus – Our Daily Bread
- Daniel 6:4

**Prayer Requests/Prayer: JD Z.**

- Vugteveen family loss

**Minutes Approved: August 2024**

- Motion by Jonas B.
- Second by Shawn D.
- Minutes approved
- Open Session minutes to be put on school website by Jack Hayward.

**\*Written Reports provided for the General Session. See Teams folders for full reports.**

**HOS Department Report Highlight: Rachel W. for Jon V.**

- Special Events
  - Walkathon is Saturday.
  - Pastor Appreciation October 30<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast is after chapel.

- Board will try and be there.
  - Invite Fred A.
- Maintenance
  - AC in gym needs to be repaired. Gym AC is not currently working.
  - Have not received a bill for the elevator. Elevator is currently running.
- Admissions
  - 302 current students with more interviews scheduled.
  - 15 families, 28 students did not return to TCS.
    - Shawn asked rationale – moving, financial
  - 37 new families with 43 new students

### **Director of Education Report: Rachel W.**

- New Middle School ELA Curriculum – Lauren H. loves the curriculum
  - Continuation of 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade material.
  - Includes grammar and writing units.
  - Also using literature from previous teacher.
  - Jonas B. shared that local high school English teachers were impressed with TCS students' preparation for high school English.
- Iowa single subject assessment will be administered this Friday.
  - Math and English tests only
  - Tests provides benchmarks and National Percentile Ranking
- Rachel shared Iowa Testing Scores and discussed results.
- Accreditation
  - Teachers need to be ACSI certified. Rachel will work with teachers to obtain this.
    - If a teacher is State certified and certificate is up to date, that will qualify for certification along with a Biblical Philosophy of Education and Bible hours.
    - In October, teachers will bring in their certification materials for Rachel to analyze and determine how many ACSI certifications will be needed.
    - 80% of teachers need to be certified.
    - Jon and Rachel will obtain Director of Curriculum and Head of School certifications through ACSI.
    - Spanish facilitator will not need certification. In three years she will have to get her Christian Philosophy of Education and Bible hours.
- 24 laptops have arrived for 5<sup>th</sup> grade for 2025-2026 school year. There is enough extra from 2024-2025 school year for all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to have a laptop next year.
  - We are on a 1-year cycle of getting new laptops for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **New Teacher Introductions**

- Mrs. Goral is having a great first year experience at TCS.
  - She feels supported and has loved her new teaching job.
  - 12 full day and 4 half day students.
  - Rachel encouraged her to always reach out when she needs help.
  - A parent shared that her son really enjoys having Mrs. Goral for science.

- Mr. Baker feels teaching here is a true blessing.
  - Retired after 26 years at Oswego Junior High.
  - Loves the engagement with the students.
  - Students have been respectful.
  - Administration and Middle School team have been really helpful.
  - He loves working here!
  - Really liked the Bible curriculum for all three grades.

### **Director of Development Report: Deanne B.**

- See Report
- Asked Board to pass on business contacts to her.
- Steve shared that Midland States Bank has a community grant available and Deanne is working on finalizing that.
- Encouraging that we are working on grant writing.

### **Director of Business Services Report: Steve B.**

- None

### **Open Session (30 minute max, 3 minute time limit):**

- Christina Vabeck – asked what security measures the school has in place.

### **Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned for Open Session at 8:09.

Next Open Session – October 15, 2024, 7:00| 901 Shorewood Dr. Shorewood, IL 60404