

Dakota Christian School

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**Dakota Christian School
Board Minutes
November 10, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

- I. Opening devotions – Traci Niewenhuis
- II. Roll Call - Present - Sarah Baan Hofman, Jared Peters, Shauna VanderPol, Michael Buitenbos, Dillon Munneke, Ian Kuipers, Randy Veurink, Corey VanderPol, Traci Niewenhuis, Rich Van Zuidam, Joel Muckey
- III. Motion made and supported to accept October 13 meeting minutes. Motion passed
- IV. Correspondence
 - A. Thank you from Mr. Hooks
- V. Committee Reports and Business
 - A. Finance
 1. Motion made and supported to pay the October bills. Motion passed.
 2. Instructional Aide Pay – motion made and supported to continue advertising for an instructional aide \$12.50-\$12.75 based on experience.
 3. Tuition Aid – motion made and supported to approve tuition aid, motion passed.
 4. Insurance options – Discussion held, reviewed policy costs for the last 5 years.
 - B. Education
 1. No meeting
 - C. Building and Grounds
 1. Trane contract tabled
 2. Dishwasher fixed
 3. Downspout extensions in process
 4. Playground in process
 - D. Promotion – No Meeting
 - E. Transportation – No Meeting
 - F. Co-op
 1. HS BBB Coach – Lake Andes has an applicant: Tyrell Harper.
- VI. Principal's Report
 - A. Matching funds \$31,500 pledged,
 - B. Virtual hiring event – no success, mostly non-teachers
 - C. Cindy Lucas – Teach Beyond; possible cultural exchange teaching opportunities.
 - D. SD Christian School Association Meeting
 1. Dr. David DeYoung (DSU) AI resources and recommendations.
 2. Mr. Ken Engel – Spoke about Herzog Foundation, Professional development opportunities
 3. Robert Satire/Sara Hitchcock – School Choice info
 4. Tia Esser – SDCSA potentially becoming 501c organization
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Policy 806 – Lawyer confirmed the policy is adequate as is
 - B. Class Coverage Update
 1. Pastor Scott Nichols – History
 2. Mary K – Science 3 days a week
 3. In communication with someone about possibly covering one day for science. If this falls through Mr. Peters will cover Science one day a week until another option is found.
 4. Mrs. Zomer 5/6 Bible and Study Hall
 5. Mrs. Niewenhuis will cover JH/HS PE and health
 6. Mr. Cutler Elem. P.E. 2 days a week
 - C. Advertising to December graduates and student teachers and typical job boards.

VIII. New Business

- A. Board Staff Breakfast Date (Wed, Dec 17) - tabled
- B. Policy Review: 901-903 – Discussion held
 - 1. 901 - Reviewed
 - 2. 902 – Eligibility check is now weekly, add update social media to ‘misc’,
 - 3. 903 - Reviewed

IX. School Visitors

- A. Report from Traci

X. Executive Session

- A. Motion made and supported to enter executive session 20:42. Motion passed.
- B. Motion made and supported to exit executive session 21:14. Motion passed.

XI. Closing Prayer – Michael Buitenbos