

PELLA CHRISTIAN GRADE SCHOOL FOCUS



A Monthly Newsletter from Pella Christian Grade School

June 2017

Great Examples of Our Mission Statement

On behalf of PCGS, I would like to thank our outgoing board members for their service to students, to teachers, to staff and parents at PCGS. These three board members made significant contributions during their years of service. We often celebrate our mission of, "challenging students to develop their individual, God-given gifts for a life of service in God's kingdom." These three outgoing board members are excellent examples of using their gifts for a life of service in God's kingdom.

Mr. Bill Kimble - Bill brought a wealth of wisdom and calm leadership to the school board. Bill's experience in the field of education served him well as a member of the Education Committee throughout his term. Bill also served as the Board Secretary, member of the Executive Committee and was instrumental in critical decisions regarding the building project. Bill will continue in his role on the PCGS Building Project Committee.

Mrs. Kelly Nikkel - Kelly is an excellent servant leader. This past year she served as the PCGS Board Vice President. During her service on the board, she served on the Education Committee, Development Committee, and Executive Committee. She demonstrated her love for Pella Christian and focused on building community throughout her two years of service. It is exciting to know that she will take both of those passions into the fifth-grade classroom at PCGS next school year.

Mr. Jason Van Arendonk - Jason served on the Finance Committee through his

entire term and served as chair of the Finance Committee two of his three years on the board. In addition to these responsibilities he also served on the Executive Committee. Jason was an excellent example of leading with a discerning heart as he was a key contributor in the development of a \$2.7 million budget each year. Jason has invested an incredible amount of time, energy and prayers throughout his term on the board and is a major reason why the finances are stable at PCGS.

Thank you for your service!
David Te Grotenhuis

Annual Meeting

The Annual Pella Christian Grade School Society meeting was held on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the library of Pella Christian High School. Information was shared about the 2016-17 school year and the 2017-18 budget was approved. Sixty-one society members were present. Motion was approved to accept 119 online and three paper absentee ballots. Sixteen PCGS staff members were recognized for years of service. Eight staff members were recognized as leaving the system and thanked for his/her service to PCGS. Mr. David Te Grotenhuis shared a year in review report. The following were elected to the board: Steve Runner (Covenant Reformed), Nathan Nikkel (Faith CRC), Zach De Vries (Faith CRC to fill one year position), Jodi De Vries (Outlying CRC) and Michael Vander Molen (Second CRC). Steve Runner, Vicar closed the meeting in prayer.

Campaign Update

With summer in full bloom now, fundraising for our building project, Soaring to New Heights, continues to move forward. As of this week, we are excited to share with you that we have a little over \$10.1 million pledged to the building project, made up of well over 550 individual donors! So thank you again to everyone who has given sacrificially to this project. We are grateful and humbled by the outpouring of support. But, there is still more work to be done as well. Our donor list continues to grow, and we would love to put your name on our list if you haven't given yet. For those of you who are current or retired Pella Corporation employees, please remember to fill out your matching gift form when donating to the project. The Foundation will match contributions dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000 per employee or \$1,000 for retirees of Pella Corporation. The Pella Rolscreen Foundation will match up to \$100,000 in contributions toward the project.

Summer office hours are
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Due to construction please enter on
the North side of the building.
T.R.I.P. drop off box is located
inside the north doors.

Chad Vink shared opening devotions and prayer.

Consent Agenda - The board approved preschool committee nominees. The board approved the preschool long range plan. The board approved the reading, math and science goals for the 2017/18 school year. The board approved the anti-bullying goals and action plan for 2017/18. The board approved a contract for a 1:1 aide opening for 2017/18. The board approved a contract for the PE teacher opening for 2017/18. The board approved a contract for the 8th grade girls' basketball coach opening for 2017/18. The board approved sports sharing agreements with Newton Christian, Oskaloosa Christian, Peoria Christian and Sully Christian. The board approved sending welcome/ registration information note cards to new families for 2017/18.

Old Business - The board finalized volunteers for the registration dates in July. The process for replacement of outgoing committee members was reviewed.

Reports - Information regarding the health insurance rate change for the 2017/18 school year was shared with the board. Jason Van Arendonk gave a summary of financials. Craig Juffer gave a curriculum and technology report. David Te Grotenhuis shared highlights from the Creation Station and Head of School reports.

Education - The committee provided

the board with an update of their annual data review this past month.

Finance - The finance committee reviewed and approved TAP requests for families.

Building and Grounds - The board approved a motion to proceed with the purchase of the Sully to Pella bus.

Development - The committee updated the board on the work of the Development Collections and Distribution Committee. The committee updated the board on steps taken by the development coordinator interview team.

Soaring to New Heights - The campaign has collected \$62,000 since last month. The total amount of pledges is \$10.1 million. The total number of donors is at 554 with 13 new donors. The committee reported on two upcoming meetings with local foundation boards.

Executive - The board reviewed and discussed its next steps following decisions made at the June 3 Legacy of Grace STO Board Meeting.

The process for election of board officers was reviewed and approved.

Building Project Committee - The board approved the purchase of builders risk insurance.

New Business - Information was shared with the board regarding new board member orientation in August.

Closing - David Te Grotenhuis shared the state of the school.

Kelly Nikkel closed the meeting in prayer.

Position Openings

When PCGS has staff openings the school wants to make sure that constituents are the first to know.

For 2017-2018) Full time bus driver - The driver must have a valid CDL or willing to obtain one prior to the start of the school year. Interested candidates should contact Jim Steenhoek at jassteen@iowatelecom.net or call the school office at 641-628-2414.

For 2017-18) Pella Christian High School is looking for a special education teaching associate This candidate will be able to work well with children one-on-one, be organized, and be understanding of children with special needs, seeing them as God's image bearers. Job duties entail assisting in meeting IEP goals of student, working cooperatively with the teacher, contributing to a culture of high expectation and excellence, and following directions well. Hours for the position will be approximately 8 AM to 3:30 PM daily. Please contact Principal Dan Van Kooten if you are interested in this position: vankootend@pceagles.org or 641-628-4440.

Registration

Registration for the 2017-18 school year will be held Thursday, July 6 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.; Monday, July 10 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday, July 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch and other optional fees can also be paid on the July dates. P.I.E. will be offering a \$50 registration credit for families who register during the above listed dates and time. If you cannot make any of these three time slots, please come to the school office after July 15.

Partners In Education

Partners In Education (P.I.E.) will be offering the on time registration credit of \$50 per family for families who register on July 6 from 5:00-8:30 p.m. , July 10 from 5:00-8:30 p.m. or July 14 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PIE is again offering the 'School Supplies 4 You' program to families this year! P.I.E. will do your back-to-school shopping, and all supplies will be waiting for your child either on their desk or in their locker at Open House! This program is optional. P.I.E. will have grade specific school supply packages that can be ordered during registration. Kindergarten supplies will be \$15 and \$30 for 1st-8th grade. Payment is due at the time of order and can be added with your tuition payment.

<u>July</u>	4	Office closed
	6	Registration 5:00-8:30 p.m.
	10	Registration 5:00-8:30 p.m.
	14	Registration 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
	17	Registration in the office
<u>August</u>	23	First day of school, 12:05 p.m. dismissal
	30	2:35 p.m. dismissal

