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Cornerstone Christian School

~ Chairman Report ~

My first Link submission as board chairman - what to say? Taking a look at the Constitution & Bylaws of the Cornerstone Christian School Society, there is a description of the duties of the board. That seems like a good place to start. We find this in section 6.2.4:

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

- To execute and regulate school policies in accordance with the Constitution of the Society.
- To appoint a teaching staff qualified to carry out the educational policies of the Society, and concurrent with the Constitution and
- To promote the cause of Christian education in the community through all appropriate means.
- To account properly for all funds and annually prepare a financial statement consisting of an operating statement and balance This shall be reviewed sheet. periodically throughout the school year to ensure the operations of the school are within the yearly budget, as established by the Board.

With these duties in mind, I think it

makes sense to view the chairman's report as a quick review of the activities that come under this mandate. You received a short report the other day from our October 3 board meeting. At that meeting, I was appointed chairman, joining Ray Buitenbos as vice chairman. It may be worth noting that the Constitution and Bylaws only require the board to have a chairman and vice chairman:

The Board of Directors shall elect from among its members, a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and such officers as they deem necessary.

As you are no doubt aware, the board has in fact designated additional roles for the board members: Ray is also the secretary, Eric Brown focuses on the work of the Education and IT Committees. Dave Hofford specializes in building and maintenance matters with the Committee of Building Maintenance (CBM), and Kolin Veldman is the treasurer. Jan Kottelenberg has been designated as the Staff and Membership Administrator (SMA). It is guite reassuring to work with these capable brothers on the board! I'm grateful for the skills and willingness each of them brings to this effort. I'm also thankful for all the work of those who have gone before us in these roles.

The short report gives a good summary of where things stand, so I'll try not to repeat things here. At the moment, we are focused on a number of immigration matters for our teachers. This is an ongoing challenge, but Jan has taken it up with willingness and enthusiasm! We are also working on a survey to get out to the membership in early November. We look forward to getting a better understanding of the membership's thoughts regarding the expansion project.

I had the pleasure of attending, with our principal, my first Chair/ Principal's Meeting on October 13 in Yarrow. Of course, it was great to be able to meet in person again, and it was heartening to see how our "sister" schools share similar joys and challenges as we do. And, even though we are an American school and may feel a bit like outsiders, they are more than happy to include us as much as possible. In attendance were representatives from John Calvin Christian School in Yarrow. Credo Christian Elementary School and



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Upcoming Dates

Nov.4-HS First Qtr Reports Nov.7,8-HS P/T Conferences Nov.11- Veteran's Day Nov.18 — Elem Term 1 Reports Nov. 21—Early Release 11;55am Nov. 21,22 -Elem P/T Conf. Nov. 24—Thanksgiving Day Nov. 25—Thanksgiving Break Dec. 16—Christmas Program Dec. 21-Last day of 2022

Credo Christian High School in Langley. The principal of Trinity Academy in Vernon also joined online. These meetings are held regularly, so I look forward to continuing to take part.

Debbie Johnson and I had a chance to touch base this week, and I hope to have more personal interaction with all of the teachers as the school year progresses. Nathan Kok and I recently had a chance to talk, and I will stay in touch with him as we continue to work on his path to entry.

Thank you, members, for your support and encouragement. May God continue to bless our efforts to educate our children in a way that prepares them well, for the glory of His kingdom.

~ Education Committee Report ~

We're half way through October already! Work continues at a steady pace at Cornerstone and also with the Education Committee. We are taking a close look at the Language Arts curriculum to see if they fit our curriculum needs.

Our seniors have submitted their senior project plans and are busy working on their projects. Some of them began already this summer and good progress is being made. Projects this year include a couple construction projects, mission trip to Mexico, t-shirt design & marketing, a flat-bed trailer rebuild, teaching internship, funeral home internship, writing a novel and more! We look forward to student presentations in the spring. Always an enjoyable part of our job as Ed Comm members.

We are recruiting!! The Ed Comm is looking to fill two upcoming vacancies in December. Prayerfully

consider this and let us know if you are interested in joining our cheerful, animated and hardworking group. It's a great way to get involved, serve people, and learn more about what goes on behind the scenes at Cornerstone.

Every other month one Ed Comm member and one board member visit all the classrooms. Our purpose is to get a snapshot of the education that is taking place on a daily basis. Each time we come away awed and thankful at how God is at work in our school. What a gift to be part of a Christian School community. Thanks and praise to our God for His kindness and mercy in the gift of Reformed education at Cornerstone Christian School!

For the Ed Comm, Lisa Pelleboer

FLOURISHING In Christ

~ IT Report ~

Things have been running smoothly overall in the IT area. The committee has been busy working on a few different things. The camera system is up and running, with only a few cameras left to install. New Chromebooks have been purchased and activated to replace old devices that were at the end of their operational lives for the school's needs. Other miscellaneous items have been acquired to make sure the teachers are set up and have all the equipment they need for their classrooms. So far it has been a good year with only a few minor issues that have been quickly resolved.

We would like to recognize Stephen Chase as he has come to the end of his term, and thank him for three great years of hard work! He has been a great asset to the IT committee with his vast knowledge of the IT world. We would also like to welcome Dustin Wielenga to the committee, and thank him for his willingness to serve. We are looking forward to working with Dustin and are sure he will be a great fit as well.

On Behalf of the IT committee. Matt Hoefakker





~ CBM Report ~

Summertime has come and gone, although it doesn't some carpet soon and hiring a plumber to fix a few we can. The rough terrain of the field needs to be cleaning up, organizing and reorganizing. smoothed out somehow and we are thinking as a quick fix before construction starts happening to lay bark down in areas where these people will be walking. You may have seen new signs around the property that will help with insurance issues if anyone outside of students and faculty happen to be on the property, signs such as 'Private Property' or 'Play at your own risk'. We hope to be working on replacing

feel like it yet. School is in full swing and I am sure plumbing issues. We have some new playground all the kids are thrilled! Well maybe not, but we, as equipment coming to spruce things up for the kids the CBM committee are absolutely thrilled to let you and we will be getting lighting replaced as well in all know that we have been able to tackle a lot of front of the school and in the foyer. There are many projects and make progress on a lot of issues that more small items that we have accomplished or are have been popping up. We are trying to figure out working on but it would make for some tedious readthe best solution to the parking issue that has be- ing. We hope and pray that God will take care of us come a potential problem for customers of the plant all during this new school year and we again thank and pumpkin sales so as to keep them as safe as everyone that comes out to support the school in

> Lastly on a sad note, we lost one of our dear members, Nathan Burger, (sad for him of course) since being a part of the CBM committee is so much fun! But we did find a new member in Jon Kruyswijk and we can't wait to see what he will bring to the table!

The CBM

~ Principal Report ~

Initially when an article for the Link pops up as a task to complete, one can have a moment of disbelief that it could be time for such an activity already. What could there be to say? And yet, looking back, a lot of school has happened since our previous LINK. From the nervous excitement of the opening assembly to today, when things are humming along smoothly and the first high school reports are just around the corner. Let's take a look at some of the things that have taken place in between as well as some that are being planned for the future.

School Activity Review

At the start of a new school year there is a lot of adjusting and getting to know one another, for both students and teachers. New course loads are explained and expanded upon, while students settle into the routines and expectations laid out by the teachers. The new course of Lifestyle PE 11 has been blessed with fantastic weather allowing for a wonderful variety of outdoor activities. Our new staff members have taken up their tasks enthusiastically and we are thankful to have them as a part of our team.

Some staff committees are also in the planning stages for some upcoming bigger events. This year we plan to put on a Christmas program. Song selection is taking place and soon the practicing for memory work will begin. Another event scheduled for February will be a school wide Geography Fair. We plan to bring students of various grades and abilities together to make a display project on a country. There is a lot of staff enthusiasm for this project and we can't wait to get started on this with the students in the new year.

Recently the staff had a PDday, which included a variety of activities. In the staff meeting portion of the day, we had some discussion activity time around the core values or vision of our school. The school society has an established vision for the school. How does that play out in the minds of the staff members who are tasked with putting that vision into action? We split the attending staff into two groups, and were tasked with completing a simple story board. One group wrote "Once upon a time there was a school that loved, taught, valued, cared, appreciated, encouraged, enjoyed and guided their students. Every day at the school students are instructed at their level. Then one day they showed growth! Because of that the community celebrated! And because of that students wanted to learn more! And ever since they flourished!" The other group wrote "Once upon a time there was a school that flourished teaching covenant children.

Every day at the school the students engaged in meaningful learning. Then, one day the teachers had a Pro-D day. Because of that the teachers became more competent and confident in differentiated instruction. And because of that the students felt that their needs were being met. And ever since the students excelled." I found this activity so encouraging for us as educators, to think about the reason for doing our task, and the goal we all have in mind. It was good for us to think about this collectively and put it to paper.

Educational Goals

When we look a bit further into our school's vision we see a number of educational goals. Goal 6 states: "Encourage every student to develop a love for learning, to enjoy the pursuit of knowledge, and to achieve his or her academic potential". How do we do this? One thing is already noted above. The teachers here are enthusiastic about their content, about their students, about the progress made, about the noted potential in the student and finding ways to make that potential shine bright to the actuall. The variety of learning strategies and hands on activities, especially seen in the younger grades, or the passion displayed in the higher grades for the content in the subject area, is a great way for the staff to increase the love of learning amongst the students. The learning is scaffolded by our Educational Support Team, and by the classroom teachers who work hard to differentiate for their students through assignment diversity and assessment adjustments. A lot of effort is extended by the education team at Cornerstone to make sure that the students are reached where they are at in their learn-

In addition, it is also necessary to include the importance of reading as a way to develop the love of learning. Teachers promote and encourage reading in various ways throughout their teaching, but it really takes root when home supports this as well. The daily home reading is one way to undergird this aspect of our children's learning. Our school library is another integral part of this educational goal. The work of our volunteer librarians is so appreciated, as they seek to instill a love of reading in Cornerstone students. Classroom teachers have worked on libraries in the classroom, too, to flood the students' lives with this valuable resource.

Concluding words

The school theme this year is "Flourish in Christ". Every week I've been choosing one text from a different book of the Bible to highlight this theme, starting with the book of Genesis. It's been striking to see how strong the link is between obedience to God's law and the ability to flourish. This week I selected a portion from the book of Judges. The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and thus they did not flourish! They were hiding from the enemy, and cried out to the Lord in their distress. As we seek to flourish in our learning and in our lives before the Lord, it is a good reminder to all of us, that what we do, how we live, and how to approach our learning, it is important to remember that true flourishing can only happen when we follow God's ways. May our Faithful God, in whom we have our HOPE, continue to guide and lead us in our tasks. He is the one that causes us to flourish!

Education Goal #6

"Encourage every student to develop a love for learning, to enjoy the pursuit of knowledge, and to achieve his or her academic potential".

~ Ladies Aid Report ~

It looks like Fall just might be right around the corner:) School is in full swing now and we are thankful for the many blessings we can experience.

At our Fall Ladies Aid membership meeting, two ladies were appointed to replace outgoing committee members Janice DeMooy and Kelli Kobes. Thank you to those ladies for their dedication and input and welcome to Bea Kleyn and Jolene Vreugdenhil!

The final numbers are in for the Apple Pie fundraiser and we made approximately \$11,800; our best year yet! Thank you to everyone who sold and delivered

pies, as well as those who helped pick apples, peel, mix, flute, package, and much more. We appreciate all of your hard work to make this a successful fundraiser!

The Pumpkin patch fundraiser also went very well, all the pumpkins are sold, the patch cleaned up and a profit of \$1300 was made.

May God bless our endeavors in raising funds for our school!

On behalf of Ladies Aid, Angela Davis







~ Cornerstone Foundation ~

Recent temperatures were still in the 80s yet Canadian Thanksgiving has come and gone for those who celebrate such things. Considering the unusually prolonged warm weather, it is hard to believe that in just about a month from now Cornerstone has a long weekend break scheduled to commemorate the US Thanksgiving holiday.

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." —2 Cor. 9:10 (ESV).

This verse is quoted on our foundation website. It is also a reminder there is so much to be thankful to God for—while He does not fulfill all our desires He provides all our needs! The apostle Paul wrote the above verse specifically regarding support of the Christians in Jerusalem, yet as Reformed believers we know that all of life is to be dedicated to serving God and others. And what a blessing to have an inter-generational church and school community that work together in harmony to educate our covenant youth.

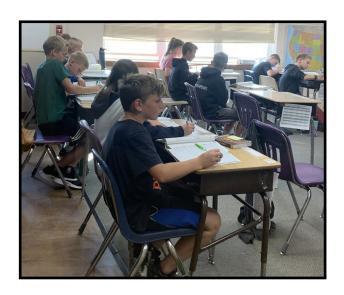
Regarding CFB activities: As Cason noted last time, an endowment fund's principal is meant to be left intact. The benefit for the school is drawn from investment INCOME. It stands to reason that the best-case scenario is a very large fund balance earning large returns with little to no risk. Obviously, this is not "real life." Realistically, while we hope for the fund to grow as quickly as possible, the growth of balances in endowment funds tend to be moderate, with hills and valleys to the average growth rate along the way. What we are hoping to see is steady

growth. Therefore every little bit helps. No donation is too small! While we don't in any way want to discourage any donations we do want to just make donors (and potential donors) aware of something: Along with the convenience of online giving option on https://www.ccsgive.org comes some transaction fees. If it works best for you to set up a smaller recurring donation as a part of your monthly budget, rather than an annual lump sum that's fantastic. Just please be aware that on a smaller donation a larger percent will be offset by fees. Cash and check donations are always easy to drop off if you're driving by the school.

You may be wondering whether any investments have been placed? As previously indicated we are being cautious. While no funds have been moved yet the CFB is taking steps to put mechanics in place to move funds to our investment advisor when the time comes that we are ready to dip our toes in the water.

Finally, I am glad to have the opportunity to write in this space. I must admit that, being one of the newest members, I am still getting up to speed on a lot of what we do. But one thing I have learned in my few months in this role is that it has been a real asset to have Clarence Kobes on this Board. Concurrent with his term ending on the CCS Board, he is stepping away from his role with the Cornerstone Foundation. Clarence, we will miss you, but thank you for your service over the past years!

On behalf of the Cornerstone Foundation Board, lan Davis





~ From the Third & Fourth Grade Classroom ~

The third grade class wrote a acrostic poem about their favorite animal.

Bluejay

Blue, very blue

Lovely

Unreal colors

Eat every day

Joyful singing

Absolutely pretty

Yummy food they eat Vienna Bouwman

Dogs

Dogs are fluffy

Oh how dogs are so cute and chubby

Good at catch James Veldman



Panda

Pandas have six fingers

Always eating

Never mean

Dwell in the forest

And very playful Charlotte Kruyswijk



Cat

Cute and cuddly Always throwing up **T**errible at barking Alexis Dykstra



Dangling their tails

Eating the blackberries

Exercising their legs

Right in our backyard Titus Chase



Diamonds

Diamonds are very shiny

Inside of a rock is something beautiful

As the sun rises, the diamond sparkles

My diamond is shiny

On the crystal shines the sun

No one can break a diamond

Diamonds are cool Emme Faber



Tiny, tiny kittens Too much fun

Even dogs eat kitten food sometimes

Never give up on a kitten **Delaney Chase**









Raccoon

Raccoons are grey

A raccoon was in our shop

Cat food they eat

Omnivore

On Trees they climb

Nocturnal

Paul Vanderlinde



Rabbit

Rabbits shed a lot

AII rabbits love apples

Bouncy bunny

Bunnies are soft

It loves being pet by people

They move by hopping Sean Thompson

Puppy

Puppies are adorable

Unbelievably cute

Puppies love you

Puppies can do tricks

Young puppies can't see yet Lila Bysterveld



Calf

Calves are soft

Always want food

Loves milk

Fun to show

Desiree Visser

Panthers

Panthers are black

Also known as black leopards

Not friendly

They live in Africa and Asia

Hunters

Eat meat

Really good at camouflage Hannah Stap



Bunnies are fun to play with
Use carrots to make them do tric
Never leave them alone
Never give them too much treats
Yummy food they like
Chloe Kleyn



Cat
Cuddly
Always sleeping
They like tuna
Aaron Pelleboer



The fourth grade students have been practicing writing descriptive paragraphs. They wrote about a fun place they have visited or would like to visit.

Nebraska

Have you ever been to Nebraska? Sometimes you can see birds called pheasants. It's super fun to ride on four wheelers through all the fields in summer time.

I've been to Nebraska with my family. We stayed in a cabin in a place called Pheasant Bonanza.

There's lots of restaurants there, just like Washington. Nebraska is a great place to visit.

Rylea Lodder



I went to Jeremy's house. It was fun. We build forts and sometimes I sleep there. They have a little pond with frogs. We can ride their golf cart.

Eli Pelleboer



Palm Springs

Palm Springs is so much fun there. It has a huge pool with water slides. Lots of Palm trees. And it is extremely hot. It is great that it is hot because it is always in the 90's. I had a lot of fun there. We went to the zoo too. And the ice cream shop! It was so much fun!

Jaelyn VanDelft

Have you ever been to Arizona? It is so dry and pretty. There were places you would want to go. So many cactuses and the plane trip is long but cool. Arizona is so cool and pretty you would want to go there!

Jaycie Burger



Have you ever been to the state of Oregon? It takes 7 to 10 hours to get there and my brother woke everybody up by saying "There's the Seahawks stadium".

I went camping with Morgan and Grant. We went biking every day. The boys went to an air museum. Bennett Lodder

Oregon



Have you ever been to Great Wolf Lodge? There are so many great and big fun water slides. The place is so much fun, even the water slides. The best part was spending time with my family.

Adri Stap

Cross Canada Trip

This summer I went on a cross Canada trip to see my family in Ontario.

First I went through the providences of BC, Alberta, Ontario.

On the way back we went through the States and saw Mt. Rushmore! It was beautiful! And we went to

Yellowstone National Park. It was very cool!

It was very fun to see my family again after three and a half years.

Tamsen Kottlenberg

Oregon

Oregon is a fun place to go to. All my cousins went. There was a pool and a hot tub. All the Veldmans went to the pool. Me, Grant, and Bennett always went biking and more kids. We always went to the beach. We went to the dune on the back of my Uncle Kolin's truck. The ocean was freezing. Camping is fun.





Oregon

Oregon is a fun place and has soft sand. It has big waves and is pretty dangerous to boat. And all the Veldman's went and I got to see cousins from Canada. There is a big rock that you can climb. And there are trails that you go on up in the bushes. And we found new forts and I went on every trail with Josh. It is so fun exploring. Oregon is so fun and is the best.

Grant Hofford

Florida,

Have you ever gone to Florida?
When we got there we went to
our spot. We went to bed. The
next day we went to Universal
Studios. When we got to Universal
Studios we went on rides. The first
place we went to was Harry Potter's
World. On the first ride I went on was in
Harry Potter. I sat up front.
Florida is the best place to go.

Anna VanDriel

I had lots of fun in Arizona on Spring break. We had cool food that we don't have here. There was a fun pool across the street. We played mini-golf there too. We had tons of fun during our vacation.

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Sunbanks

Sunbanks is a place I would like to visit. I have never seen it but a lot of people have told me about it. It sounds fun because people say you can swim in the lake. You can kayak to the island in the middle of the lake. Tubing sounds fun too. Since I can't visit, I will draw a picture of it and hope I can go sometime.

Jeremy Vreugdenhil

Have you ever been to Oregon? Oregon has giant waves and big sandy beaches. It's only six hours from here. I love going to Oregon.

Austin Thompson

Oregon-



Pearrygin Lake

Have you ever been to Pearrygin? Me and Lucas went fishing in the lake. I went swimming with my Mom. We even went tubing at the back of uncle Peter's boat. I had a great time at Pearrygin!

Macy Faber

2022/2023 School Calendar

August

30- First Day of School

September

5- Labor Day

October

7- PD Day

10- Columbus Day

28- PD Day

November

4- 1st Qtr report Cards HS

7,8- High School P/T Conferences

11- Veteran's Day

18- Elem 1st Term Report cards

21- Early Release -11:55am

21,22- Elem P/T Conferences

24- Thanksgiving Day

25- Thanksgiving Break

December

16- Christmas Program

21- Last Day of 2022

22- Jan 4 - Christmas Break

January

5- First Day of 2023

16 - Martin Luther King Day

20- High School 2nd Qtr Reports

23, 24- HS P/T Conferences

February

3- PD Day

22- 2nd Term Elem Report Cards

23. 24.27- Mid Winter Break

27- Elem P/T Conferences

March

1- Elem P/T Conferences

17- PD Day

31- HS Third Qtr Report Cards

April

3-7- Spring Break

7- Good Friday

May

5- PD Day

18- Ascension Day

26- Sports Day

29- Memorial Day

June

2- Eighth Grade Graduation

9 - Last Day of School

9- Senior Graduation

Board

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Sec - Ang Davis Treas - Jolene Vreudenhil

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Full Time:

Debbie Johnson - Geo, Sci, Music 3/4, Art 7-10 Jeanette Janssen - Science 7-12, Math 9-12

John-Mark Stromberg - PE 5-8, His. 7/8, Eng, & His. 9-12

Lynette Van Hofwegen - Gr. 5/6

Stephen Houweling - Math 4, Gr.7/8

Wayne Chase - HS: Bible, Math, English, History

Part Time:

Christine Hofford- Ed Support

Darlene VanStaalduinen - Spanish 11/12

Janice Dykstra - Ed Support Coor.

Jenny Tiemeyer - LA 4

Jolene Kingma - L.A.3, Math 3, Bible, His., PE 1-4, Sc. 1/2

Jolene Vreugdenhil - Culinary Arts 11/12

Jordan Hicks- Ed Support Karen DeMooy - Art 3/4

Kathleen Stevens- Yearbook, Geometry 2

Kristina Wendt - PE HS

Melanie Kottelenberg - Music 5/6 Mikayla VandeBurgt- Ed Support

Shari Kruyswijk - Gr. 1/2 Ref. Studies, Math, Music, Art, History

Sharon Veldman - Culinary Arts 11/12

Tessa Kooiker - L.A. 1/2