

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

MINUTES

May 4, 2018 (1:00 p.m.)
Taichung Support Services

Trustees present: Mark Dinnage
Beverly McCrary
Barry Owen
Rob Riley
Joseph Swanson
Carol Wu
Beth Wyse

Associate Trustees present: Cheryl Dunn
Ruth Ullstrom

Others present: Tim McGill
Matt Sawatzky
Missy Basnett
Julie Heinsman

Last Action: **18-11**

Joseph Swanson continued the Board's devotion series of thoughts pulled from The Benedict Solution. He stated that the author is suggesting that we, as Christians, should "pull back" from the world into intentional Christian communities, either geographically or metaphorically with a focus on stability and spirituality. This is not an abandonment of engaging the world with the gospel, but putting breathing room between our "home space" and the increasingly toxic chaos of modern society. He closed with thoughts from 2 Peter 1:3-8.

Barry led the Board in a time of prayer for students, staff and administration - especially focusing on activities taking place at the end of the school year. After praying together, the trustees met with their board accountability partners to confirm meeting preparation and to pray for each other.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND
CONSENT AGENDA
18-12**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve the agenda and consent agenda, including the following resolutions:

- approval of the March 20th, 2018 Board Minutes
- acceptance of the Administrative report, as written
- acceptance of the April 16th, 2018 Finance Committee Minutes
- acceptance of the April 16th, 2018 Governance Committee Minutes, including the following policy changes:
 - Policy 5400
 - Policy 3020
 - Policy 4120
 - Policy 3300
 - Policy 3400
 - Policy 4281
 - Policy 4284
 - Policy 4280 (deletion)
 - Policy 4283 (deletion)
- acceptance of the SAC Meeting Notes for April 18, 2018

Don Bettinger appointed the following people to serve as Executive Committee Members for 2018-19 school year: Barry Owen (World Venture), Joseph Swanson (TEAM), Rob Riley (IMB) and Don Bettinger (One Mission Society).

- Governance Committee: Cheryl Dunn (Chair), Don Bettinger (Ex Officio), Tim McGill (Ex Officio), Peter Dodd, Beth Wyse, Gretchen Ryan, William McKelleher
- Finance Committee: Bev McCrary (Chair), Don Bettinger (Ex Officio), Tim McGill (Ex Officio), Mark Dinnage, Barry Owen, Joseph Swanson
- Superintendent Search Committee: Don Bettinger (Chair), Barry Owen, Ruth Ullstrom, Cheryl Dunn, Alicia Edwards
- Boarding Advisory Committee -Trustee Rep: Bev McCrary
- Taipei Board Representative: Rob Riley
- Taichung Board Representative: Peter Dodd
- Kaohsiung Board Representative: Ruth Ullstrom

**APPROVAL OF
2018-19 BOARD GOALS
18-13**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve the 2018-19 Board Goals as follows:

I. Board Professional Development

- A. Read Book - Mission Directed
- B. Board Retreat in Hong Kong - Engage in discussions on topics of sustaining Christian Education in a changing political climate, and strategic planning for Christian Education in the greater sphere of China.

II. Strategic Planning for Mission Sustainability

- A. Follow Linkou Developments
- B. Strategic Planning in the area of changing political climate in the greater sphere of China.
- C. Evaluate the future of Mission Partnership Policy 3120.

III. Superintendent Search Committee

- A. A Short List of Candidates presented in October
- B. Submit a candidate by the end of the next school year

IV. Develop Christian Community

- A. State covenant (creed) together at October PL Days
- B. Communication Coordinators keep board updated on events on 3 different campuses - maybe a monthly calendar.
- C. Each board member try to be seen on each campus at least once per year, including Chia Yi campus, and attend at least 3 different events during the year.

**APPROVAL OF
TRANSFERRING LAND AND
BUILDING TITLES FOR
EVANGELICAL BUILDING
IN TAIPEI
18-14**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve the Board to request TEAM to begin the process of transferring the (A) land title of Lots #436 and #581, and (B) building title for the additional B1 space, to Morrison, according to the *Land Use Agreement (1987)* and *Property Use/Transfer Agreement for Building B1 (2007)* between TEAM and Morrison. The percentage of land ownership transferred will be equivalent to the percentage of Morrison's ownership of the building.

**APPROVAL OF
SECURING A LOAN FOR THE
LAND INCREMENTAL TAX
FOR THE EVANGELICAL
BUILDING IN TAIPEI
18-15**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve the Board to authorize the administration to secure a loan for the full amount of the land value incremental tax, if necessary, when the land title transfer is completed.

The Board discussed staff appreciation dinner final preparation.

There was a discussion on the staff forums that were held throughout the year. We found them to be helpful and insightful. For next year, it was suggested to have a staff reception at October PL.

Board Goals Review:

1. Board of Trustees' Professional Development
 - a. Discuss The Benedict Option.
 - b. Fall Board Retreat in Cambodia.
2. Morrison Community Connections & Strategic Planning for Mission Sustainability
 - a. Conduct a forum with staff and administration at each campus
 - b. Groundbreaking in Linkou
 - c. Reevaluate financial strategic planning.
3. Monitor and Evaluate the Development of Morrison's caring communities
 - a. Continue to develop a policy for Member Care and refer this policy to SAC for development of procedures for Member Care
 - b. Finalize the covenant language of our position statements.
4. Confirm the membership of the Superintendent Search Committee, and commission them to prepare a shortlist of candidates by the end of the year.

Dates for next school year:

- Full Board
 - October 2-5 - Board retreat (meeting on October 5 in Taichung)
 - December 11 - Kaohsiung (9:30am)
 - February 26 - Taipei (9:30am)
 - May 10 - Chiayi (9:30am)
- Committee meetings
 - September 11 - IMB Taipei office - Finance (9-12); Governance (1-4)
 - November 27 - IMB Taipei office - Finance (9-12); Governance (1-4)
 - February 12 - IMB Taipei office - Finance (9-12); Governance (1-4)
 - April 30 - IMB Taipei office - Finance (9-12); Governance (1-4)

The meeting was closed in prayer at 3:40 by Barry Owen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Dinnage
Board Secretary