

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

MINUTES

February 26, 2019 (9:00 a.m.)
Linkou, Taipei

Trustees present:

Don Bettinger
Mark Dinnage
Peter Dodd
Beverly McCrary
Barry Owen
Rob Riley
Joseph Swanson
Beth Wyse

Associate Trustees present:

Cheryl Dunn
Will McKelleher
Gretchen Gates Ryan (via Skype)

Consultant:

Alicia Edwards

Others present:

Tim McGill
Matt Sawatzky
Missy Basnett
Julie Heinsman
Susanna Myburgh

Last Action:

18-28

Joseph Swanson led the board devotions from “Mission Directed” focusing on continuity of the Board. To start we had an analogy to the story of Theseus. Theseus set out for long voyage via ship. In the process, he changed out every part of the ship. When he arrived at his destination, was he on the same ship? Like Theseus’ ship, Morrison board has changed; however, we are in God’s hands and Morrison is in God’s hands because according to 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11, “whether we are awake or asleep, we live for Christ.” As a result, through faith, we can look forward to spiritual growth beyond our present state. This isn’t because we’re awesome, but because God is, and we work under the provenance of His blessing and leading. Thessalonians 5:11 instructs us to encourage one another, so the devotional was concluded allowing time to share an encouraging word to one another among members of the board and administration.

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The Board and members of administration joined together to pray for staff health concerns, the Morrison school community, students who have expressed Christ in a new way, people experiencing transition and wisdom regarding the superintendent search. After this, board members divided into their Board accountability groups to discuss meeting preparation and additional prayer requests.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND
CONSENT AGENDA
19-01**

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

- approval of the December 11th, 2018 Board Minutes
- acceptance of the Administrative report, as written
- acceptance of the SAC Meeting Notes for Feb. 14, 2019
- acceptance of the Feb. 12th, 2019 Finance Committee Minutes
- acceptance of the Feb. 12th Governance Committee Minutes, including the following Policy revisions
 - Policy # 2011-Organizational Chart
 - Policy # 2031-System Administrative Council (SAC)
 - Policy # 6480-Personnel Selection

**APPROVAL OF TUITION AND
FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2019-20
SCHOOL YEAR
19-04**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve the Tuition and Fee Schedules in accordance to policy 4320 TUITION AND FEES for each campus for 2019-20 school year according to the attached fee schedules.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET OF
2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR
19-05**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve the 2019-20 budget of NT\$349.20 million in accordance with policies 4305 BALANCED BUDGET and 4310 BUDGETING PRIORITY.

The board discussed the benefits of making exceptions to Policy 5205 as compared to changing the policy and moving to double sections. In order to maintain the focus of educating children of missionaries, it was decided to continue with the current policy and allow administration to make exceptions in order to receive new missionary applicants.

**APPROVAL OF CORE VALUES
19-06**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve the amended Core Values as follows:

“Jesus Christ is central to Morrison Academy’s values.

Morrison Academy’s core values are:

- To follow Jesus Christ
- To proclaim God’s Truth to the world
- To pursue excellence in student learning
- To educate the whole person
- To partner with parents
- To cultivate a caring community”

**APPROVAL OF
BOARD OFFICER
19-07**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve Barry Owen as Board Chair for the 2019-22 fiscal years in accordance with policy 1200 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

**APPROVAL OF
BOARD OFFICER
19-08**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve Will McKelleher as Board Vice Chair for the 2019-20 fiscal year in accordance with policy 1200 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

**APPROVAL OF
BOARD OFFICER
19-09**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve Bev McCrary as Treasurer for the 2019-20 fiscal year in accordance with policy 1200 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

**APPROVAL OF
BOARD OFFICER
19-10**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve Mark Dinnage as Secretary for the 2019-20 fiscal year in accordance with policy 1200 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

**APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATE
TRUSTEE
19-11**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve Gretchen Ryan as Associate Trustee for the 2019-20 fiscal years in accordance with policy 1115 SELECTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

**APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATE
TRUSTEE
19-12**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve Ruth Ullstrom as Associate Trustee for the 2019-20 fiscal years in accordance with policy 1115 SELECTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD
CONSULTANT
19-13**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve Alicia Edwards as board consultant for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

**APPROVAL OF 2019-20
BOARD MEETING DATES
19-14**

MOTION PREVAILED to approve the following Board Meeting Dates for 2019-20:

Sept. 28 - Jakarta, possibly at the school where Tim Heading serves, enroute to Papua.

Dec. 10 - Taichung

Feb. 25 - Kaohsiung

May 1 - Taipei Linkou

Don Bettinger, as board chair, gave an update on superintendent search committee process. Things are moving forward. We will all continue to pray for wisdom as the Lord leads.

After some discussion regarding schedules, it was decided we may need to have an additional meeting on Friday, April 19 at 9:30.

After lunch, Tim McGill will lead the Board on a tour of the new Linkou campus that is still under construction. While on the tour, Susanna Myburgh will also give the principal's campus update.

Board Goals Review:

- 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.

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- 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.

The meeting was closed in prayer at 11:53 by Rob Riley.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Dinnage
Board Secretary