



POLK COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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School Board Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Dustin opened with prayer

Members Present: Jesse Ankrom (Board President), Karon Burton (administrator), Patti Harris, Gabe Magnuson, Fred Griffith, Amy Schulz, Dustin Sterling, and Christina Bravata

Dustin gave the devotion. He referenced Matthew and talked about the character of Matthew before he met Jesus as an outcast and that even though he was not accepted by society that Jesus looked at Matthew's heart and said "Follow Me" and Matthew dropped everything and followed Jesus. Matthew invited Jesus to have dinner with his friends (other outcasts) and Jesus sat with them when no one else would consider them good enough. Dustin said to serve the outcast whenever we have an opportunity because that's what Jesus would do.

Motion to approve September minutes—Dustin 2nd—Christina Unanimously approved Motion to approve September financial report—Patti 2nd—Fred Unanimously approved

President's Report: None

Long Range Planning: Forward in Faith Meeting went well. Members present were: Nathan and Amanda Evans, Whitney Watson, Patti Harris, Haley Magnuson. We discussed the need for a strategic plan and did not set a meeting date until we get the strategic plan.

Building and Grounds: Continuing to work on updating lights in the school. 3 TVs left to hang

Publicity: None

Administrator's Report:

There are 174 students enrolled for the 2025-2026 school year.

Teacher observations are ongoing.

Jesse feels like if more of our families knew about Scrip they might be inclined to use it. HS schedules for next semester and next year are in progress. The students will be taking Spanish. Night in Bethlehem is underway. Classrooms will be utilized to help with crowding. PTF cookie exchange and craft show is in the planning stages

Old Business:

We discussed that a strategic plan is our most immediate need. Jessie ask the board to look at the strengths and weaknesses and make comments. Christina suggested that instead of looking at a 10 year plan, maybe we look at a 1-3 year plan. We discussed what we thought are our most immediate needs: 1) leadership team 2) How big do we want to get 3)Teacher salary 4)getting our HS students back on campus 5)A concrete strategic plan 6) New revenue sources

We also discussed if a HS is realistic at this point. Karon is in favor of a HS but there is a lot of work that goes into the planning. We have to determine if this is a priority for our families and how we can offer alternative opportunities for our HS students (SBU Prep) if we continue to offer HS. Jesse ask if the current 7th & 8th grade classes were committed to continuing to HS and Karon indicated that she felt like they were committed. We discussed doing a survey with parents and staff that focuses on commitment to having a HS

New Business:

We discussed the need for the Pledgathon and decided to table that for now and Amy is going to work with Karon on electronic ways to give.