

Schools of Sierra Bible Church (S.SBC) School Board Agenda
Minutes for February 6, 2024

Attendees: Sarah Hemler-Pres.(SH), Debby Benes-Secretary (DB), Diane Harper-Treasurer (DH), Greg Gusiff (GG), Darcy O'Loughlin (DO'L). Absent: none
Guests in Attendance: Jessica Baeckel (JB)-School Head, Angie Parker (AP)-TKA Administrative Assistant

1. Prayer - Opened in Prayer at 4:20 pm
2. Approve SB Minutes January 9, 2024 - **The minutes stand approved as submitted.**
3. **Public Comment on topics not on this Agenda** – People wishing to speak must fill out a speaker's card. Comment limited to two minutes. **No guests/public comment.**
4. School Head - Jessica Baeckel (JB)
 - a. Update: "Help Us Grow" Fundraiser – monies to date: \$6,093 dollars. This amount doesn't include giving prior to fundraiser, meaning those donors that give on a regular basis are not included in this amount so that we can see the new fundraising money numbers. \$600 dollars have been received as recurring monthly donations for the future.
 - b. Pre-Kindergartens in the western section of Reno are now saved in a digital database format created by (JB). This database will be used to promote Open Houses, enrollment and other TKA events in the future. The goal will be to build the database to use in advertising TKA to the Reno/Sparks community. Pamphlets were delivered to Lion & Lamb for the upcoming Open Houses in February and March. Open Houses will be promoted via the regional Pre-Kindergartens, Pilgrim Radio on air and K-LOVE Radio community events website postings.
 - c. The second round of Star Testing is complete for all grades. (JB) and the TKA Teacher staff now have comparative results from Fall to Mid-Year. Discussion around WCSD Accountability report card testing data and the current TKA Star Reading and Math results. Printed reports including data and line graphs with grade level benchmarks were distributed to TKA families.
 - d. TKA Student Council is now providing pizza for Friday lunch. This idea was generated by a student proposal, advance money collection and a review of TKA food handling procedures.
5. School Board President - Sarah Hemler (SH)
 - a. Create parent survey (Darcy will bring starting ideas) This item is moved to Future Business.
 - b. Contacts for new Board members/committees: Board Members are asked to pray about one person that they can personally invite to join us in future TKA efforts.

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c. Fundraiser update/ideas: Amber Howland (AH)–GM Dragonfly Media held a discovery and solution summary meeting with the Marketing Committee in January. Planning ideas and other marketing suggestions were reviewed and discussed for potential implementation to increase TKA marketing efforts. (AH) had floated an idea with the Marketing Committee for a TKA School Carnival as a fundraiser. The pros and cons of implementing a School Carnival in 2024 were creatively discussed. While this idea has interesting potential, discussion centered around a lack of current resources to successfully present a school carnival in 2024. Instead of a 2024 School Carnival, the Board discussed the positive effects of adding money-making opportunities to existing TKA events this school year. The Christmas “Bake Sale” was successfully created and manned by parent volunteers. The upcoming April 19th TKA Talent Show will provide an opportunity for another “Food Sale” benefit.

The status of the Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) group was discussed. PTF By-laws are available but may need updating. Board members will pray for the re-launch and vision of the PTF group for the 2024-25 school year.

Board members will gather and work with (AP) at TKA on Tuesday – February 13th to stuff envelopes with fundraising letters to donors that were gathered for the “Help Us Grow” campaign.

Teacher Appreciation Week is on the calendar for the dates of May 6th – 10th.

d. Pray for TKA families - School Board members prayed over specific TKA families.

Action Item completed:

- (SH) created letters to each specific family that Board members personalized and (SH) will distribute the letters.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Future Business

- a. Create parent survey (Darcy will bring starting ideas)
- b. Strategic Plan work for student/faculty/family culture (March)
- c. Strategic Plan work for cash reserves
- d. Strategic Plan work for internal marketing
- e. Strategic Plan work for support for professional development (April)
- f. Literature vision statement
- g. Board Mission Statement
- h. **Next Board Meeting, March 5, 2024 at 4:15**
- i. Tentative future meetings: April 2, May 7, June 4

9. **Motion to adjourn at 5:50pm. (DO'L) and (GG) seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

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