

Minutes from April 2, 2009

In Attendance

Michelle Browning	Jeanne Pandzic
Steve Prince	Beth Pujol
Julie Lentner	Perla Reynosa

Minutes taken by Julie Lentner

Michelle Browning opened in Prayer at 7:10pm

Steve Prince shared that a few weeks ago, he and Mrs. Winter met with Bishop Perry Engel from Pacific Christian, a contingency from West Anaheim and Upland Christian Academy to discuss reconciliation. Steve said that both sides spoke and that he shared that this was not a hostile takeover, but UCA felt that it was.

- Their high school sports program is not equal to Western's program. We are at a higher level. Parents pay more at Western because the students play at a higher level, but it is less than a \$1,000 difference.
- Bishop Perry wants a Code of Reconciliation. Parents at the meeting agreed that the videos and blogs are hurtful not only to the schools involved, but also to the community as a whole. Steve felt that the attacks on Western Christian show him without a doubt that we are doing what God wants us to be doing and that this is a spiritual battle.
- Steve stated that he would be able to share more once both sides sign the agreement, and he felt that this would begin to bring healing to the community.
- It was discussed that if a parent is going to blog, please refrain from being anonymous. If you don't feel you can put your name to something, then you probably should not be writing it. Much time has been put into preparing this reconciliation document and parents will be asked to honor it. Also asked for prayer for those families choosing to remain at Upland Christian.

A parent asked for an update on the move.

- Steve replied that it is still in escrow. We have tentative approval for funding but the banks are slow right now. He shared that we did get a high rating (ability to obtain financing). The interest rate would be very low, but we have to wait.
- Michelle stated that the procedure involved a lot of paperwork going back and forth between us and the bank, so it takes time.
- A parent asked about plans once escrow closes.
- Steve stated they are developing transitional plans, both academic and facility.
- He also mentioned that they were talking about possibly keeping the Covina campus open for some to finish out their program there.
- A parent asked if there would be enough enrollment for three campuses.
- Steve replied that we won't know until June. Mrs. Winter has been asked to present the plans to the Board by June.
- A parent asked if we would have two K-8 campuses? At Claremont and Upland?
- Michelle stated if there is not enough enrollment, the students from Upland would move over to Claremont.
- A parent stated she would like the high school separate

- A parent suggested keeping middle school and high school over at Upland – having K-6 at Claremont.
- Steve said there are lots of ideas but it is hard to understand right now. He said there will be two preschools.
- Michelle said that as time goes on we will realize the better plan.

A parent asked if we had enough spots for the Upland Christian students at Claremont?

- Steve said that we have finished the master plan and that we must have God’s vision. The Board has approved the plan for this campus and the City of Claremont is partnering with us. He stated we will improve the field, demolish the houses at the back, get a full-size football field and a full-size regulation soccer field. The pool will stay. Steve feels our site is under-utilized.
- They will share the master plan after they get through hurdles with the City.
- Over the summer they will work on the fields. The new multipurpose building will include the cafeteria area and will eventually be open to a church to lease. He also said they still have work to do at the Covina football field and must balance the budget between the two.
- A parent said she had heard the lease date for the Covina campus was up April 1. Steve said that has been renegotiated with Charter Oak. He said Western has made many improvements so they are able to negotiate with them.
- A parent asked about being able to tour Upland?
- Steve answered not until escrow closes.

It was discussed that we need to pray for Mrs. Winter. We need to focus on what God wants, not on all the speculation. Steve said that when it is all over, they will come back and tell us the story of how everything took place. Right now they have signed confidentiality agreements.

A parent asked about sending marketing materials to other Christian schools in the Upland area? Michelle said that will take place as we get closer to escrow closing.

Michelle shared that Accreditation had gone well – we had received a great report and will know the results in June.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.