

Standing Committees of the Board

Executive – Dan Smits, board president, Dan Scheuers, vice-president, Pastor Al Schut, secretary, Steve Soodsma, treasurer, and Ron Halma

This committee deals with staff issues, general board policies, and oversees the work of the administrators. This committee is responsible for activities that do not fall directly under the responsibility of any other committee.

During the 06-07 school year this committee was heavily involved in the search process for a new administrator, dealt with several staffing issues, reviewed policies, and revised job descriptions.

Education – Pastor Al Schut, chair, Dan Smits, Laurel Huizenga, Lori Venhuizen, Todd Montsma, Pete Vander Puy, Karen Heuver, and Ron Halma

This committee oversees the educational program of the school. It deals with issues regarding curriculum and the resources used to deliver the curriculum. That involves everything from interviewing and recommending teachers for hire to recommending the school calendar. They also deal with student and parent issues and the board policies that are involved in such issues.

During the 06-07 school year this committee was involved with curriculum issues, new student enrollments, changes in our standardized testing, student behavior issues, granting approvals to professional growth activities for teachers, and recommending the 07-08 school calendar as well as changes to the kindergarten program.

Finance – Steve Soodsma, chair, Diane Posthuma, Cathy Braunschweig, Dan Scheuers, and Ron Halma

This committee is responsible for all the financial matters of income and expenditures. It recommends staff salaries and benefits as part of proposing a balanced budget, determines how income will be obtained, and provides tuition assistance to families needing it.

During the 06-07 school year this committee dealt largely with budget and tuition issues. It oversaw the tuition assistance program, recommended to the board a 2% scale hike in tuition increase prior to the start of the school year. Various financial policies were reviewed. The levels of personal property insurance were also reviewed and revised. Preparing the budget for the new school year occupied a significant amount of this committee's time.

Building and Grounds –Bill Ganz, chair, Mike De Vries, Pete Van Der Puy, Cal Greenfield, Steve Mulder, Steve De Young, Harry Homan, Joe Durant and Ron Halma

This committee deals with maintenance issues for the buildings and property. It is involved in repairing, securing repairs to be made, purchasing equipment, and supervising the custodial work of the school. It also plans for the long range needs of the school as well as addressing the day to day needs of keeping the building in good working order.

During the school year this committee dealt with repair / replacement needs, oversaw an extensive asbestos abatement project, installed new lockers in the middle school, and planned for lawn care / snow removal needs for the future. As we look to future repair needs for the elementary building this committee wrestles with how best to address the needs.

Advancement – Kevin Haan – chair, Dave Katsma, Mary Dull, Mark Vander Werff, Gill Greenfield, and Gregg Zonnefeld.

This committee oversees all promotional activity, efforts to recruit new students, and all fundraising activity of the school.

During the 06-07 school year this committee planned the Mark Harris concert, sent brochures and postcards as part of our marketing campaign, ran radio advertisements in the Beaver Dam market, changed the structure of the “Sharing the Promise” campaign, and hosted events such the Veterans’ chapel, 9/11 Remembrance, and new student night.