



June 9, 2009

Dear WCS Families and Staff,

I wanted to take some time to provide another update regarding the work that is being done for the future of WCS. Even in the short time we have been together as a board, there have been times when we thought certain things would happen, but we found out later that God had a different plan in mind for us as a board and for the school.

Here are some examples: When our board was formed, an effort was made to have members who not only represented different churches, but also members who brought unique talents that we thought would benefit the school. Such is the case with Bob Neumann. Even though Bob no longer have any children in the school, he jumped in with both feet to help the school. Bob brought a wealth of experience in the area of finance and, as such, became our first treasurer. Over the past few weeks, it became apparent that God had different plans for Bob and our board. Bob had a minor stroke and is unable to fulfill his term of office. Despite Bob's best efforts to continue the work before him, he felt he could no longer serve as a member of our board. This past Monday, the school board accepted his resignation with regret.

We were so excited when Jack Hamlin agreed to join our board. That being said, just after he joined, Jack learned that his wife's battle with cancer was not over. While Jack remains on the board and is still informed of our actions and serves as a counselor, we have excused him from attending our meetings so he can support his family during this time. We had a "plan", yet God had another.

Over the past several years, enrollment at WCS has declined. There are probably many factors that contributed to this, but the board believes that we need to make changes in order for WCS to grow. I am sure some of you are confused and/or concerned by the changes that have been made. I want you to know that our board and the leadership team are committed to providing your children with a safe and loving environment where they can receive the best Christian education possible. That does not give our decisions guaranteed success, but I can say without a doubt that each decision is prayerfully considered and is intended to bring about the best for WCS. We do not take for granted the trust that you have placed in us with regard to decisions that are made.

With regard to hiring decisions, the board is the only one authorized to hire employees. Our leaders do not have the ability to hire or dismiss any staff by virtue of their position. We have asked our leaders for recommendations. We support the recommendations of our leaders because we believe they truly have WCS's best interest in mind. Ultimately, the final decision with regard to employment decisions rests

with the board. Every board member has a vested interest in the success of WCS because we all have children or grandchildren who attend WCS.

Once our staffing for 2009-2010 is finalized, we will let you know who will be teaching each grade. We will also look at having an information meeting shortly after July 1. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact any of the leaders or board members if you have any questions or concerns. It is a genuine pleasure to serve God in the capacity of a board member and be a part of this wonderful ministry. God has continued to provide for this ministry time and time again. We are looking forward to what is ahead.

In Christ,

David Hargadon

FFE President