



Devon Christian School

Annual Report

Our Vision

Devon Christian School Society seeks to provide a Christian learning environment with educational standards of excellence for the community of Devon.

2019 – 2020

Our Mission

Devon Christian School equips students for a life of loving and serving God and others through a commitment to spiritual, academic, and personal excellence.

Learning

Loving

Serving

DEVON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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DEVON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 24, 2020 - 7:00 pm

1. Welcome and introduction of Board Members and Staff: Armyrn Pederson
 - All staff and board introduced themselves.

2. Opening Prayer and Devotional: Jesse Kornelsen
 - Opened in prayer. Explains the theme of what we focused on in the board this past year. It is a testament to this year in the school. God uses little things to move people, and J. Kornelsen's journey from home and work life. Anxiety was a key element. Something he had to deal with. Hunter, his youngest son, in Pre-Kindergarten here at DCS. Memorized verse Psalm 20:7. God showed him through through his four year old son that this verse was meant for him all this time. "Some trust in chariots. Others in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." Facing Bill 24 and the NDP Government last year felt like strong forces against us as one of 23 schools in Alberta opposing the Government. So be encouraged. God is with us, and He is a mighty force.

3. Business Items
 - a. Adoption and/or Amendment of Agenda
 - Board member selection added to New Business (3d)
 - Motion to Adopt: Tammy Klapstein, Michael Taekema MSC
 - b. Review and Approval of the 2018 Annual Society Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to Adopt: Julene Kornelsen, Regina Hansen MSC
 - c. Review and Approval of all Attached Reports
 - Motion to Adopt: Monte Paulson. Robyn Zingle MSC
 - Tammy Klapstein had a question regarding the increase in Statement of Operations Page Three in Certified Benefits under the Financial Report. As well as our lease for the building, which has gone up. Jesse Kornelsen and Armyrn Pederson will have to get back to her on that. Why such large differences in "Changes for Approved Accounts?" Jesse Kornelsen mentions that some accounts have been difficult to collect. Some of that could be showing here. He will reach out to our accountant to get some more clear answers.
 - d. Nominating Committee:
 - Nicholas Hennes has been nominated and has allowed his name to stand.
 - Motion to Adopt: Denise Ronda, Valentina Martens MSC
 - Tammy Klapstein would let her name be presented, but needs to be a week before the annual meeting. Encouraged to remember for next year.
 - A quick explanation of how to become a Society Member and what being on the DCS Board is like, presented by Jesse Kornelsen and Armyrn Pederson.

4. New Business
 - a. Question and Answer Session
 - Armyrn Pederson mentions that February 8, 2020 Vic Wiens is coming to talk at 1:00 pm about the feasibility of having a High School program run at DCS. It is open for anyone to come, so please come if this is something that interests you.
 - Has Bill 24 been completely finalized? Yes. With the new government, we have had no further influence.

- Has there been any new information about the New Curriculum? Please speak to Rhonda Bray. She has more information.
- We were so blessed to have a very good legal team during all of the worry of Bill 24. The Justice Centre was also a very big blessing.
- "Learn Alberta Curriculum." Tracy Weselowski is wondering if that has changed our curriculum at all. Jesse Kornelsen believes it may have gone back to review. No pressure on our staff at this time.
- Tammy Klapstein would like to know about the reports being out two weeks in advance before tonight. Just got them today. Shouldn't they have been out earlier? Armyn Pederson will check our policy. The nomination for new board members was sent out two weeks ago.

5. Closure in Prayer - Regina Hansen

Meeting ended at 7:51 pm

Society Members in Attendance:

Judith Boogaard, Heather Berrington, Amanda Cassell, Gavin Cassell, Justin Hammer, Sandra Hammer, Regina Hansen, Nick Hennes, Tammy Klapstein, Jesse Kornelsen, Julene Kornelsen, Olha Kovaliv, Justin La Favor, Nichole Lidemark, Valentina Martens, Lewis Neufeld, Kim Paulson, Monte Paulson, Armyn Pederson, Denise Ronda, Maryan Semenyuk, Emily Smith, Michael Taekema, Stephanie Vander Veen, Aleri Vann, Tracy Weselowski, Janeen Wong, Robyn Zingle,



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DEVON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY MEMBERS 2020 - 2021

Anghelone, Naomi
Barkman, Kyra
Judith Boogaard
Bray, Byron
Clarence, Simon
Dennis, Jon
Doucette, Wendy
Elias, Daniele
Fritz, Joe
Froese, Phyllis
Gronberg, Alanna
Hammer, Sandra
Hennes, Dawn
Hilsabeck, Wanda
Johnson, Dan
Kerr, Pamela
Klapstein, Tammy
Kornelsen, Julene
Lidemark, Nichole
Mackenzie, David
Marko, Ken
Martens, Valentina
Rhonda Misanchuk
Paulson, Laurine
Paulson, Kim
Pederson, Brenda
Petrie, Janie
Robertson, Kelea
Robideau, Lisa
Scabar, Bob
Smith, Nick
Taekema, Michael
Thiessen, Jeanette
Vander Veen, Stephanie
Wallace, Patricia
Weselowski, Tracy
Zingle, Robyn

Ashlin-Mayo, Caroleigh
Berrington, Heather
Boyd, Earl
Bray, Rhonda
Clarence, Ruth
Dennis, Tanya
Elias, Clinton
Fritz, Andi
Froese, Larry
Gronberg, Allan
Hammer, Justin
Hansen, Regina
Hennes, Nicholas
Horrocks, Jesse
Johnson, Rhonda
Klapstein, Dallas
Kornelsen, Jesse
Lidemark, Jason
Littman, Laurie
Mackenzie, Berenice
Marko, Natalie
Matthews, Kathy Jo
Mitchell, Haimie
Paulson, Monte
Pederson, Armyn
Petrie, Darrell
Reynar, Kelly
Robideau, Eric
Ronda, Denise
Scabar, Marlene
Smith, Emily
Thiessen, Alan
Vander Veen, Jonathan
Vann, Aleri
Weselowski, Mike
Wright, Kristina

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2019 - 2020

*Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6

We praise the Lord for another wonderful year at Devon Christian School! God blessed us with 18 pre-kindergarten students and 80 students in kindergarten to grade nine. The children are so dear to our hearts and it is an honour to learn and grow with them each day.

We had an amazing team of staff who loved the Lord and did their best to model a Christian lifestyle to students on a daily basis. Each educator displayed a personal relationship with Christ and was dedicated to serving the children and families that the Lord had put in their care. As a team we joined with parents in guiding students to love and serve the Lord and others. This entailed communicating a Biblical worldview of current issues or events or incorporating learning through traditional methods, research, technology, or hands on activities. Devon Christian School students endeavored to become proficient, knowledgeable, and passionate individuals who contributed to their society in meaningful ways. Staff members taught from a Christian perspective in all subject areas, as well as met the requirements mandated by Alberta Education.

There were nine teachers and seven support staff in the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Hilsabeck taught our pre-kindergarten students. Mr. Taekema taught the kindergarten children, some non-core subjects to grades' one to four, and coordinated our special needs programming. He also coordinated the special needs programming. Miss Ronda was the homeroom teacher for grades' one and two. In addition to being the homeroom teacher for grades' three and four, Mrs. Bray also held the principal position. Mrs. Kornelsen and Mrs. Vann shared the homeroom teacher position for grades' five and six students. Miss Berrington was the homeroom teacher for grades' seven, eight, and nine. Mrs. Anghelone taught junior high math and science, as well as science and computers to grades' three and four. All teachers taught a variety of complementary courses such as Bible, art, health, physical education, and computers. Mr. Fritz continued teaching music to our students. Grades one to nine special needs students were under the care of our education assistants Miss Fritz, Miss Horrocks, Miss Robyn, and Mrs. Misanchuk. Miss Fritz also assisted Mrs. Hilsabeck in the pre-kindergarten classroom two mornings a week. Miss Robyn drove one of our busses to the Calmar and surrounding areas and Mr. Thiessen drove one of our busses to the Parkland area and Town of Devon. Mrs. Thiessen served as our custodian. Mrs. Martens filled the administrative assistant position and Mr. Barkman filled the book-keeping position.

At Devon Christian School we focus on the spiritual, academic, social, emotional, and physical components of education. Our greatest desire is to guide each child to God and pray that each student develops a personal relationship with their Savior. We are so proud of our students' accomplishments in the 2019-2020 school year. Here are just a few of their successes and achievements:

1. 100% of Devon Christian School students received Scripture Memory Awards and earned Character Certificates for demonstrating personal growth in the fruit of the spirit.

2. 10% of our grades one to nine students earned Scripture Honours. This means they were able to recite Luke 6:1-49 with no assistance from their teacher.
3. Our students displayed Christ-like attitudes whenever they were out in our community on field trips, outreaches, and events. They were praised for their exceptional behavior from people outside of our Devon Christian School family.
4. We are so proud of all our students achievements during a challenging third term when our students began remote learning due to COVID-19. 100% of our students participated in remote learning from March 2020 - June 2020. 50% of our students excelled in remote learning from March 2020 - June 2020. We celebrated their achievements in a safe, socially distanced graduation and awards gathering in our school parking lot. 90% of our students attended the event.
5. 98% of teachers, parents, and students agreed that students are safe at school, are learning the importance of caring for others, are learning respect for others, and are treated fairly in school.
6. 96% of teachers and parents agree that students are taught attitudes and behaviours that will make them successful at work when they finish school.
7. 97% of teachers, parents and students are satisfied that students model the characteristics of active citizenship.
8. 97% of teachers and parents are satisfied with parental involvement in decisions about their child's education.

We are extremely grateful to have dedicated and supportive parents at Devon Christian School. Parents who serve on the Board generously give hundreds of hours of their time to the students, staff, and society to effectively govern our school. Devon Christian School could not operate without them. We also have a vast number of parents who volunteer for many events, field trips, and programs over the course of the school year. We are incredibly thankful for each and every member of our Devon Christian School family!! We have been remarkably blessed with a Christian atmosphere that encourages our students to shine both spiritually and academically. We cherish your regular prayers as we seek the Lord's will for HIS school. To God be the glory!

In His Service,

Rhonda Bray
Principal

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2019 - 2020

It is once again a privilege to serve God and our community on the Devon Christian School Board. This past year has been very exciting as we have seen many answers to prayer. I think I can speak for the whole board, in that we are constantly humbled and awestruck, as we allow and see God reveal His desires for Devon Christian School. Psalm 127:1 says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it."

I am so grateful for our board members this year. Each one brings invaluable insights and knowledge to the table. This year has brought many challenges with the emergence of the COVID-19 virus. I know many families have struggled with the restrictions placed upon all of us. From a school's perspective, the staff has had to make decisions quickly to adapt to the requirements placed on us by government and the needs of our school families. We certainly desire your unceasing prayer concerning this.

Once again Devon Christian School has been blessed with dedicated teachers. Praise the Lord! This devoted group led by our principal, Rhonda Bray, has added stability and continuity to our school. A job well done!

Parents, grandparents, and families of students have a profound influence on our school through volunteer work and financial support, and prayer. The Devon Christian School Board and Staff covet your prayers. James 5:16b says, "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." I believe that prayer is the most important single ingredient for Devon Christian School to be blessed and to be a blessing!

Considering the changing attitudes and values in the general population today, it reinforces the need for a Christian School in Devon.

On behalf of the school Board and Staff I would like to welcome all of the new families. It is our prayer that Devon Christian School would be a blessing to you and your family.

In His Service,

Armyn Pederson
Chairman

Purpose Statement

- *To provide an environment that strengthens the spiritual development of the student.*
- *To provide a learning environment where students attain to their highest level of academic excellence.*
- *To provide a context where students can grow in maturity in their relationships with one another.*
- *To encourage and strengthen Christian values in the home.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

2019 - 2020

Highlights of 2019 - 2020:

This year was another financially challenging year for the school.

Expenses outpaced our revenue, and as a result we had a \$20,746.00 deficiency of revenue over expenses. We had a decrease in revenue due in part to a decrease in enrollment and an increase of maintenance/repair costs. On a brighter note, we had many generous donations given. We thank God for the gifts. In comparison to last year we are financially improving in large. We also are very thankful of God's timing for our extremely successful annual auction that was able to take place just hours before the lockdown in mid March.

As a private school, we receive funding from Alberta Education at a rate of approximately 60% that of public schools. We fully understand that we are not dependant on the local, national, or global economy, we operate on God's economy. As such, we are dependant on God and His provision to cover all the operational expenses and remain tuition free. At the same time, we seek to remain diligent in our fundraising efforts and responsible in our expenditures.

Let's remember to keep praying and asking for His provision! Your continued support is very much appreciated and needed.

In His Service,

Jesse Kornelsen
Treasurer

*"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we trust in the
Name of the Lord our God."
Psalm 20:7*

BUDGETED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
for the Year Ending August 31
(in dollars)

	Budget 2020 / 2021	Projected 2019 / 2020	ACTUAL 2018 / 2019 (Note 1)
REVENUES			
Alberta Education (excluding Home Education)	\$506,326	\$500,192	\$504,918
Alberta Education - Home Education	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Alberta Education Revenues	\$506,326	\$500,192	\$504,918
Other Government of Alberta	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Government and/or First Nations	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Alberta school authorities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Instruction fees / Tuition fees	\$15,000	\$13,900	\$33,405
Non-instructional (O&M, Transportation, Admin fees)	\$50,795	\$34,222	\$25,705
Other sales and services	\$51,410	\$73,350	\$0
Interest on investments	\$14,845	\$30,000	\$14,845
Gifts and donations	\$50,000	\$54,000	\$93,072
Gross school generated funds	\$15,900	\$14,550	\$16,472
Amortization of capital allocations (where applicable)	\$6,133	\$2,120	\$6,133
Other (specify):	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$710,410	\$722,334	\$694,550
EXPENSES			
Certificated salaries (excluding Home Education)	\$353,184	\$351,689	\$294,056
Certificated benefits (excluding Home Education)	\$37,519	\$41,014	\$52,417
Non-certificated salaries and wages (excluding Home Education)	\$95,312	\$62,107	\$102,297
Non-certificated Benefits (excluding Home Education)	\$11,511	\$9,605	\$13,705
Services, Contracts & Supplies - other than Consulting / Management fees, and Leases (excluding Home Ed.)	\$98,001	\$172,396	\$165,350
Consulting / Management Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0
Leases - Building	\$18,000	\$0	\$18,000
Leases - Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Severe Disabilities / DSEPS	\$65,860	\$56,020	\$65,860
Program Unit	\$0	\$3,100	\$3,352
English as a Second Language	\$4,620	\$900	\$0
Home Education			
Certificated salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0
Certificated benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-certificated salaries and wages	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-certificated Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0
Payment to parents of a home education student for the purchase of instructional materials	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gross school generated funds	\$15,900	\$14,550	\$16,472
Capital and debt services			
Amortization of capital assets			
From restricted funds	\$6,133	\$2,120	\$6,133
from unrestricted funds	\$10,989	\$8,794	\$10,989
Total amortization of capital assets	\$17,122	\$10,914	\$17,122
Interest on capital debt	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other interest charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Losses (gains) on disposal of capital assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (specify):	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$717,028	\$722,295	\$748,631
SURPLUS(DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	(\$6,619)	\$39	(\$54,081)
	(\$6,619)		

FUNDRAISING REPORT

2019 - 2020

Our fundraising committee worked hard planning events throughout the year. We are thankful to parents for their time and commitment to Devon Christian School. Also, a big thank you to all the parents and staff who participated, collaborated, and supported our events in 2019-2020.

The fundraising events of special significance and the net profit obtained in the past year were:

Annual Auction Event	\$23,861.27
Hot Lunch	\$5,810.00
Run-A-Thon	\$1,980.90
Mundare/Wilhauk	\$1,255.00
Fundscrip	\$1,066.03

Devon Christian School, like all private schools, depends on fundraising events and donations to meet its needs. Every time you choose to participate in an event or donate to the school, you are helping the school to offset its operating expenses, you are helping the school to introduce new programs, and you are helping the school to buy supplies such as music instruments and devices to further enrich your child's education experience.

If you are interested in being part of our exciting team, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are always in need of more hands and new ideas. Thank you!

In His Service,

Wanda Hilsabeck
Fundraising Coordinator

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 20:35

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

JANUARY 2021

Presently there are five Board members. They are as follows:

Mr. Nicholas Hennes - 1 Year Remaining in Term
Mr. Jesse Kornelsen - 1 Year Remaining in Term
Mr. Armyn Pederson - 1 Year Remaining in Term
Mrs. Regina Hansen - 1 Year Remaining in Term
Mrs. Stephanie Vander Veen - 1 Year Remaining in Term

We are continuing our search for board members, as well as continuing to ask parents and society members to participate as team leaders or committee members to help complete tasks and functions that have been handled by board members in the past.

Nominating Committee:

Mr. Armyn Pederson
Mrs. Rhonda Bray
Mrs. Valentina Martens