

Trinity Christian School
General PTO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 5, 2018

1. Call to Order - 3:20 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer - Rev. Emily Sterling
3. Counseling Center Discussion

Community Christian Counseling Center (CCCC): Rev. Dennis Vlassis, Executive Director of CCCC and member of TUMC, and Rev. Emily Sterling, Assoc. Pastor of TUMC, were present to share information about the Center.

Key points:

- Multiple locations throughout Palm Beach County. Majority of CCCC locations have a preschool and/or an elementary school on same campus. Throughout the county, the CCCC sees 300 clients. CCCC at TUMC sees about 15%. Clients may be seen once a month or once every 6 months. It varies on clients' needs.
- CCCC provides counseling to clients from 2 years and up.
- CCCC does NOT see clients for:
 - court ordered counseling,
 - drug or alcohol treatment, or
 - anger management issues.
- CCCC does NOT see convicted sex offenders.
- CCCC does NOT see walk-ins. Clients are screened by phone and then are referred to an appropriate location depending on insurance, needs, etc.
- No client incidents have ever been reported on any CCCC campus locations. Over 30 years.
- Thursday typically is the busiest day at CCCC due to staff meetings and case conferences.
- The safety and security of the school, the church, and the CCCC staff is of utmost importance.

4. Officer Reports
 - a. President - Karen Chapin
 - b. Treasurer - Jennifer Williams
 - i. Available Balance: \$16,745.00

- c. Room Parent Coordinator - Shannon Schack (via Michele Zimmerman)
 - i. Christmas Gifts: PTO will purchase Christmas gifts for staff and fine arts teachers. Homeroom teachers will receive gifts from their homeroom classes. Funds used for gifts are from a portion of the voluntary \$55 class donations collected specifically for this purpose. Thank you parents and guardians for helping us appreciate our teachers and staff.
 - d. Fundraising Chair - Kristyn Taylor
 - i. Invest in TCS - Raised over \$21,000 towards the Playground Improvement Project. Thank you TCS families and businesses. See page 3 for list of business sponsors.
 - ii. Dress Down Days
 - 1. 1st Wednesday of month. Remaining dates: Feb. 6, March 6, April 3, and May 1. \$5 cash accepted at the Erbey door. Clothing must follow 'free dress' guidelines found in 2018-2019 Parent Student handbook (TCS website under Parents).
 - 2. Dress down days are optional, students may choose to wear regular uniform.
5. Upcoming PTO Events
- a. Gingerbread Christmas Shop (Tuesday, Dec. 11 – Friday, Dec. 14)
 - i. Co-coordinators: Sheena Sanders and Shana Sanders
 - ii. Flyers and gift guide envelopes are coming home this week. PK4 through 8th grade have class scheduled shopping times. PK1 through PK3 students and their guardians are invited to stop by during 'open' shop hours.
 - iii. Volunteers Needed. Follow the link for available opportunities. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BA4AB23A1FE3-gingerbread1>
 - 1. Please note: Shopping assistants must have background check and fingerprinting on file with front office.
 - b. Father Daughter Event (tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 8)
 - i. Coordinator- Open Position. We have several volunteers willing to assist. Event will be cancelled without a coordinator.
 - ii. Please contact Karen Chapin (kchapin100@yahoo.com) if you are interested in coordinating or co-coordinating the event.
6. Principal's Report - Mrs. Martial
- a. See Principal's Report notes on pages 4 – 5.

7. Old Business – none
8. New Business - none
9. Announcements
 - a. Next PTO Meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 8:30 a.m., Erbey Center Media Center
10. Questions
 - a. Spring Auction/Event – TBD
 - b. Grant writers- anyone with grant writing experience, please contact Karen Chapin (kchapin100@yahoo.com).
11. Meeting Adjournment - 4:08 p.m.

Invest in TCS 2018 -2019 Business Sponsors

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Principal's Notes/TCS Updates

Enrollment: We currently have a total of 167 in KP – 8th Grade and 133 in PreK. We are 4 students under where we projected for this point of the school year. We have 2 students in process for enrollment to begin in Jan.

5th-8th Grade Sports

Monday, the Girls M.S. Basketball finished the season 6-1. The boys began practicing yesterday for boys' basketball. Their first game is Jan. 10th.

Missions: Dec. 3 – 13th, Beta Club will be collecting items to present gifts to the residents at Heartland Rehab Facility. They are collecting decks of playing cards, perfumed lotions, body wash and body spray, mini sodas, aftershave lotion and old spice and a keep sake box. Beta club is also supporting Palm Beach Gardens Police and Fire Departments Holiday Joy Drive. Unwrapped gifts for infant – children age 16 are being collected in the Erbey Center front office.

ACSI Accreditation: We are not able to announce the final decision of the ACSI Accreditation team visit. However, I can share that the team is recommending that TCS be accredited for the next 5 years. We are awaiting the final decision from the commissioner. At that time we will also receive the official accreditation report. I will share one of the major commendations mentioned is the sense of unity and support between church and school. They mentioned four commendations; this is the one that brings me the most joy.

It's a Secret: You may have heard that we had a high priority family to tour our school on Friday. We will not release this information on social media and request that you would honor the family's privacy. Some things are best if they stay in the house and never in the community.

TCS Beta Club members participated in the National Beta Club Convention in Orlando. Our school was awarded the GOLD KEY award for 10% growth increase in Convention attendance. They represented the TCS student body in academics, ingenuity, art, music and overall general knowledge.

We are so proud to announce that we earned awards.

Elementary Division:

Victoria Hillberg- **Language Arts Division-Champion**

Elizabeth Chapin- **Poetry Division- Champion**

Jacqueline King- **Drawing Division- 2nd Place**

Elizabeth Chapin- **Mixed Media- 2nd Place**

Brady Kearce- **Social Studies Division- Runner Up**

Michael Schack, RJ Wilkerson, Elizabeth Chapin, Jackson Reynolds- **Quiz Bowl- Runner Up**

Junior Division:

Lauren Rice- **Math Division-Champion**

Chris King, Bryana Brown, Mattie May Brown-Chandler, Michael Hill- **Quiz Bowl-4th Place**

TCS Christmas Programs: Dinner offered to TCS Families Dec. 12th and Dec. 19th at 5p.m., please rsvp.

4th -8th Grade December 12 at 6:15 in the Sanctuary

KP-3rd Grade December 19 at 6:15 in the Sanctuary

Preschool 3 & 4 year old Christmas program will be Dec. 19 and 20 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Christmas Break - December 21st -January 7th.

2019-2020 Re-registration Begins – Jan. 10th.

M.S. Update: The School Board has approved the following growth plan for M.S. The school capacity must not exceed 240 according to the limitation set by Palm Beach Gardens City Council. The proposed maximum student count is 66 students for M.S.

2019-20 2 Sixth grade classes, 1 Seventh Grade Class and 1 Eighth Grade Class

2020-21 2 Sixth Grade Classes, 2 Seventh Grade Classes, 1 Eighth Grade Class

2021-22 2 Sixth Grade Classes, 2 Seventh Grade Classes, 2 Eighth Grade Classes

Playground Update: The Erbey Center playground structure contract has been signed and the 1st deposit made. The estimated delivery date to campus is the last week of Jan. or the 1st week in February. The current plan is to have the PreK playground turf installed as they are working on the Erbey Center play structure installation. After play structure installation the turf for the Erbey Center playground will be installed.

The Fence: Pastor Smiley and Mrs. Martial will meet next Tuesday to review the plan for the boundary setting in the Southwest corner.

We are super thankful for our PTO committee and parent volunteers who are emotionally and spiritually vested in our school. Begin praying for the 12 new students we need for the rest of the school year. Pray for the hearts, finances and minds of those who the Lord will direct to us for the next school year. Pray for the two teachers we anticipate hiring (one for 5th grade and L/A teacher for M.S.).

Pray for the emotional, spiritual and physical health of our TCS Family.