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From the Board Chair JOHN ZEKVELD

The board turnover meeting has occurred, and the love and care that each board member demonstrates towards PRC is very evident. After four years of absence, I am returning to serve on the board; it was immediately noticeable the many hours of hard work and the dedication of each very capable board member, once again leaving the affairs of the school in good shape for the next board. Please continue to pray for and encourage the board, staff, and administration. We realize we are weak vessels and need a lot of wisdom, perseverance and strength to run a well-oiled machine. The following is a list of the new board positions which we hope will help you seek out the proper person to contact should you have a question or concern.

- John Zekveld -Chair, Expansion committee liaison
- Ted Schouten -Vice Chair, Transportation,
- Kathy Vanderlinde -Secretary
- Jonathon Janssens -Treasurer, Finance Committee, IT committee
- Will Nywening -Education Committee
- Mark VanBerkel -ONCA, Human Resource, LCRSS, Governance Committee
- Al Noorloos -Fundraising, Capital Campaign, Uniform
- Kevin Werkema -Property Committee
- Phil Wilpstra - Promotion Committee, Hospitality Committee

As well, the staff in our friendly and helpful office at the school will always take your calls and direct you where you need to go with your questions.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage your support for PRC. It is so important in this age and culture to have a local strong reformed Christian school working alongside the home and church to establish and maintain strong roots in the Christian life of our children. The Lord continues to prepare and provide leaders in next generation for the family, church, and state, and he uses



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Board Report (cont'd)

educational institutions such as PRC to prepare them for lives of ministry in these areas. Our teens are precious in the sight of the Lord, and we seek to glorify and honour God in our education decisions as well. Pray for your school, volunteer your time when asked, and please support financially to make it possible for families to send their children. Thank you for your support. To God be the glory.

On behalf of the Board of PRC, John Zekveld

Psalm 138:8 “The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.”

Finance Report

JONATHAN JANSSENS

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing." (Psalm 145: 15-16, NKJV).

How blessed it is to not have to rely on ourselves for our provisions, our food and our shelter! However, how difficult it can be to not know how or when our Heavenly Father will bless us with those things that He knows we need. Yet it is also with great thanksgiving we can praise Him when we receive those blessings that we do not deserve.

We give thanks to our Lord for the financial gifts already received as part of our Fall Fund Drive to help balance our budget. As we approach the end of this calendar year, we ask that you all consider your contributions to this drive. Look for announcements in your church's bulletin in the coming weeks about this fund drive and feel free to share the news with your fellow brothers and sisters in your local congregation, even if they may not be members of the PRC community.

Every member of every congregation shares in the calling, tasks and responsibilities of helping to raise and educate God's children in His ways. A financial gift to the school is one simple way that you can help with the instruction of His children that He has entrusted to our care.

Donations towards the fund drive can be sent via mail to the school at 93 Queen Street, Komoka, ON, N0L 1R0. You can also send an e-transfer to prcfinance@gmail.com

Additionally, I want to take this opportunity to thank our brother Ian Benjamins for all of his work on the board and on the Finance Committee over the last number of years. I am assuming the role of Treasurer on the board and Finance Committee. If there any questions about the finances or about contributing the school, please contact me.

Jonathan Janssens, Treasurer
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Property Report

KEVIN WERKEMA

The Lord has blessed us with another successful start to the school year for our students. He has provided faithful teachers who work hard every day to instruct our children and blessed us with a supportive community who have worked alongside PRC. It is a privilege to be part of the school community to further the kingdom of God.

The school grounds and building are also a great blessing from the Lord; the property committee has been working hard to help keep our building in good working order. It is important to remind your children to respect and take care of the building, furniture and grounds as they are stewards of these gifts. The property committee has received some money from an "Anti-hate" government grant and used it to purchase a security camera system for the existing school building and the potential new expansion. Some of these cameras have already been installed.

The property committee is also responsible for the yard and snow contracts. We are so grateful to have companies willing to help out by submitting tenders for these jobs! Thanks also to the companies for the dependable and hard work that they and their staff put into the school.

Let us give God the glory for the blessings he has given us this school year!

Capital Campaign

AL NOORLOOS

On behalf of the Capital Campaign Committee, we wish to express our thanks most of all to our good, gracious and faithful Father in Heaven. We began our recent fundraising dinner by suggesting that we were there most of all to celebrate the goodness of God. The fellowship and opportunity to share memories over a great meal were in themselves reasons to celebrate. We can celebrate for various reasons, but in the context of PRC, we think mostly about the fact that we are able to educate our young people in the fear of His name. As a community, we can also celebrate how the Lord has blessed us financially in that we have been able to raise roughly 4.1 million dollars over the course of the last year. Specifically, the donations given towards our Capital Campaign during our fundraising dinner totalled approximately \$170,000.

Again, we have much reason to thank our God!

Al Noorloos
on behalf of the Capital Campaign Committee

Good News and Great Joy

Good news and great joy—that was the proclamation of the angels on the night of Christ's birth. They declared the fulfillment of God's promises: a Savior born for us, bringing light to a dark and weary world. Their words were not just an announcement but an invitation to hope, worship, and joy.

This message was beautifully echoed in our choir's Christmas concert on December 6, titled Good News and Great Joy. Through their songs, our students proclaimed the wondrous truth of Christ's coming, lifting hearts and pointing us all to the hope we have in Him.

This proclamation of good news and great joy is also at the heart of Christian education. At Providence, we are committed to weaving this truth into every part of our school life. Whether in the classroom, on the court, or in service to our community, we strive to remind our students that they belong to a faithful God, who has chosen and redeemed them by His grace.

Our theme this year, "I am the Lord's," from Isaiah 44:1-5, beautifully ties into this proclamation. These verses remind us that we are not our own—we belong to the Lord, chosen, formed, and sustained by Him. This truth gives us confidence, shapes our identity, and calls us to live with purpose and joy as we respond to the good news of the Gospel.

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Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

This term, we've seen clear evidence of God's provision and care. In October, we experienced His protection when students Anna and Samantha, and teachers, Mrs. Vandermeijden and Mrs. Bergsma, were involved in a car accident. By God's grace, all four survived the accident and are on their ways to full recoveries. The students returned to school quickly, and the staff members have been regaining strength as they rejoin us. We give thanks for His healing mercies and continue to pray for full recovery.

We're also deeply thankful for the way our staff came together during this time. Thank you to Mrs. Kim Pennings and Mrs. Diane Bergsma for stepping to teach as interim staff, ensuring classroom continuity. Thank you to our current teachers and staff who willingly took on extra responsibilities to support our students. What a blessing of Christian community and evidence of God's constant care!

School Happenings Beyond the Classroom

Our students continue to make the most of their opportunities in academics, extracurriculars, and service:

- Athletics: Both our boys' volleyball team and girls basketball teams had good seasons. The boys demonstrated excellent teamwork and determination throughout the season, growing in skill and character. The girls' basketball team played with energy and resilience, competing well and building strong bonds as a team.
- Grade 12 Quebec Trip: This year our annual Gr. 12 trip to Quebec was held in the fall. This was a highlight for our seniors. Exploring the rich history and culture of Quebec City while enjoying the beauty of autumn gave a great time for community building in the class. The class enjoyed some great opportunities to explore a culture different from ours and benefitted from meeting with Rev. Ben Westerveld from the ERQ in Quebec. From historical tours to shared meals, this was a great trip!
- Choir Concert: As we entered the Christmas season, our school choir hosted a moving performance titled 'Good News and Great Joy'. It was a beautiful evening of music celebrating the birth of Christ and reminding us of the hope we have in Him. Many thanks to Mrs. Alisha Boeringa and Miss Elyse Dokter for their great work in conducting and accompanying the choir. It was a wonderful night and a great choir season.

Witnessing Through Challenges

Recently, as the school prepares for our expansion, the board requested a bylaw amendment from the Municipality of Middlesex Centre to exempt us from development charges, similar to the exemptions granted to public and Catholic schools. While council ultimately denied our request, citing strong reasons tied to municipal policy based on provincial legislation, this process became an unexpected opportunity to witness God's grace in action.

Many members of our school community residing in Middlesex Centre engaged thoughtfully and respectfully with councillors. Their interactions left a positive impression, with councillors expressing appreciation for the professionalism and kindness shown. At the December 4 council meeting, several councillors acknowledged the difficulty of their decision and expressed gratitude for how PRC approached the matter. They spoke highly of their visits to our school and recognized the public benefit and service PRC provides to our students and community.

After the meeting, one of our representatives was able to connect personally with a few councillors, reassuring them that we trust in God's provision and hold no bitterness. This interaction was met with visible gratitude and reflected the mission of PRC: to be a witness to God's grace and truth. It also strengthened relationships within our municipality, leaving a lasting impression of goodwill and collaboration.

This experience reminds us that our hope doesn't rest on council decisions or financial outcomes. God is faithful, and as we move forward in the 'Building on the Foundation' campaign, we trust in His provision to meet our needs.

Principal's Report (cont'd)

Sharing the Vision

A highlight of this past term for me was our New Student Day on November 27. More than 30 prospective students and many parents joined us for a day of activities and presentations. It was a joy to share the vision and mission of PRC with them and to see their enthusiasm for what we offer. We're excited to welcome many of these families into our community next year!

Closing Reflections

Good news and great joy—these words capture not only the Christmas story but also the life of our school. We see the good news of God's faithfulness in the blessings of this term, and we experience great joy in the opportunities He gives us to grow, learn, and serve.

As we celebrate Christmas, may this good news fill your hearts with joy: we are the Lord's—chosen, loved, and redeemed.

“Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.” (Isaiah 44:2-3)

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas.

Warm regards,
Mr. Vander Deen



Our Community's Vision - Why We Operate a Reformed Christian School

Our community's vision is that God, through the means of home, church, and school, would raise up a generation that loves God, desires His Kingdom, and offers all their gifts in personal submission to Jesus Christ as prophets, priests, and kings, looking forward to the day when the fullness of the Kingdom comes, and Christ will be all in all.

Our School's Mission - What our Reformed Christian School Seeks to Do

Providence Reformed Collegiate seeks to glorify our covenant God by assisting parents in:

1. Providing students with an excellent Reformed Christian education
2. Nurturing students in the knowledge and fear of the LORD
3. Equipping students for service in the kingdom of God as ambassadors of Christ in this world.

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