



CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OF YORK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Christian School of York was founded in 1956 on solid, Biblical principles by four local pastors who believed it was important to provide Christian education for families in York County. The scriptures and prayer were the foundation of the curriculum early on, even though both were removed from public schools by the U.S. Supreme Court in the early 1960s. CSY continued to also emphasize math, reading and science. The school began to expand and grow, and in the 1960s construction began at 907 Greenbriar Road.

Through the years the fledgling school grew stronger, expanding its area of influence, drawing more and more families. Culture began to change, with increasing pressure to embrace the theory of evolution. The impact of this theory on society and education as a whole was one devoid of the recognition of a Creator who designed humankind. Rather, the theory posed that life came from a large explosion referred to as the "Naturalistic 'Big Bang' Theory" which espoused that life evolved over millions of years from a single cell. Soon government schools were teaching this theory as fact and the scientific community embraced it as such. The Christian School of York held to the biblical account of a Creator who wonderfully designed the world we live in today and that man was uniquely created from the earth and the woman from his side. (Genesis 1 - 2)

Pressure from another direction began to persistently counter the biblical foundation as it relates to the sanctity of life. The highest court ruled that the taking of life of an unborn baby while in the womb was permissible but Christian School of York stood firm on the biblical principles so clearly stated that life begins at conception and is sacred in the eyes of a loving God no matter the sex or color of his/her skin. Christian School of York continued to teach from the biblical standard of the sanctity of life as students developed their worldview. (Psalm 139:13)

Most recently courts ruled and popular culture espouses that marriage between people of the same sex is acceptable. "Gender fluidity" is the popular phrase, sadly, even young children are asked to determine their sexual preference. This has brought undue pressure on already stressed children complicating life even more. Christian School of York embraces the long held beliefs set out in scripture that marriage is between one man and one woman. The teachings of scripture hold that sexual immorality is sin and condemned by God in His Word the Bible.

We will continue to demonstrate biblical love for all people. We will interact with all people graciously, gently, patiently and humbly. Although God commands us to abhor sinful actions, we will love and pray for any person who engages in them. (Matthew 22:37-39)

We believe and hold that the Christian School of York stands firmly upon the biblical truths, claims and moral foundations of Christianity. This includes, but is not limited to, the biblical definition of marriage, the attendant boundaries of sexuality and moral conduct, and the clear biblical teaching that gender is both sacred and established by God's design. Parents or the legal guardians, who choose to enroll their children at the Christian School of York, are agreeing to support these and other basic biblical values derived from historical Christianity and relevant Christian positions embraced by the Word of God, under whose authority this school rests. Parents understand and agree that the Christian School of York will teach these principles and Biblical values.

In addition, the Board of Trustees urges parents to recognize their scriptural responsibility (Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Psalm 78:5,6, Proverbs 22:6) to provide their children with a Christian education and to understand that the primary responsibility for this task rests with the parents (Ephesians 6:4). Christian School of York was founded, and continues to operate, upon biblical truths and the desire and commitment for Bible-believing Christian parents to enroll their children in an intentionally Christian environment. Christian School of York will consider admission for students from any Christian family who is willing to support Christian School of York's philosophy of Christian education, student conduct requirements and the school's above-stated positions and who is willing to allow their children to be educated and influenced in an intentionally Christian environment. Continued enrollment at Christian School of York is contingent upon this same understanding and support.

We believe the Word as expressed in 2 Timothy 4:2-5, "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."

Therefore, in light of the conflict between historical Christian belief and doctrine versus current cultural world view and Constitutional interpretation, we include in our policy governing documents the following position (update to policy 4.1.1 and addition of policy 4.1.1.8):

A Corporate Resolution of the Trustees of the Christian School of York Association

POLICY 4.1.1 addition: "Our statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of the Christian School of York's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the Board of Trustees is the Christian School of York's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application."

POLICY 4.1.1.8: "We believe in the dignity of every human who is made in the image and likeness of God. An individual's biological sex, either male or female, is sovereignly and irreversibly appointed by God and is an irreversible aspect of his or her nature. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

Human sexuality is regulated by Scripture which declares that marriage is the union between one man and one woman and that sexual intimacy is reserved for marriage only. Therefore, any sexual expressions outside of that realm (sex before marriage, homosexuality, adultery, fornication, etc.) are immoral and against God's design. We also are to abstain from the promotion and advocacy of the aforementioned." (Leviticus 20:13a, Romans 1:27, Matthew 19:4-6)

This Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Christian School Association of York on September 22, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

If you have any questions, please email comment@csonline.com.