

Board Report, Spring 2008

At our monthly meetings, the CDS Board of Directors discusses the impressive development of our school community. As we approach the end of a successful first year as an independent school, I would like to share some of the issues on which the CDS Board has been working.

We began the year by creating Articles of Incorporations and Bylaws that formed the non-profit entity that is Charlottesville Day School, Inc. We borrowed from the best practices and advice of other well-governed schools when completing those documents.

Next, we completed our Internal Revenue Service application to achieve nonprofit status. In that process, we adopted many board policies and submitted a final application exceeding 100 detailed pages. Our efforts were successful and this April, we received formal recognition as a charitable, tax-exempt organization.

Throughout the year we addressed and evaluated the facilities needs of the school. We have had numerous productive discussions with our landlord in that regard. We have also evaluated, ranked and pursued a variety of alternative sites for our long-term needs. We are making progress in this regard but this remains a front burner topic at our board meetings. Regardless, this is a flattering problem to have. Excellence in the classroom truly creates exciting growth opportunities!

The Board recently discussed the many ways CDS communicates to all our important constituencies. We are excited by the continued growth of the CDS community; however, we recognize the increased demands that this places on Stacey as our Head of School. As a reminder, Stacey welcomes appointments with parents. Please call or see Kim Kotarski at the front desk if you ever wish to make such an appointment.

Most importantly, the Board's Curriculum Committee has been working tirelessly - in conjunction with leadership and faculty - to support the immediate and long-term academic objectives for the development and growth of our children. That Committee is working with the Administration to generate a written scope and sequence reflecting the curriculum of this school. We are fortunate to have this group of volunteer educators to guide our ship and to honor us with their choice to enroll their children at our school.

Please look for further updates in upcoming newsletters.

Dan Oakey, President