



MOSES LAKE
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Public Regular Meeting

March 17, 2026

Board Members

Michael Rainis, Chair

Angel Ledesma, Vice Chair

Faith Hemmerling - Secretary

Dr. Kris Dexter - Absent

Glen Summers

Gordon Guenther

Brittney Ketterer

Director

Diana McFaul

OPENING ITEMS

Call to Order: Board Chair 6:00 P.M.

Devotion and Prayer

March - Brittney Ketterer

April - Faith Hemmerling

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

B. Board Administration - Next Board Meeting April 21, 2026

Gordon Guenther moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Glen Summers.

Motion Passed

Recognition

•Diana McFaul, MLCA Director, recognized Logan Stevens. Logan consistently shows academic excellence and works diligently in all that he does. He is helpful in the classroom and encourages others within his sphere to work hard and choose to do the right thing. His morning prayers at the Cross are always heartfelt, humble, and sincere

•Diana McFaul, MLCA Director, recognized Kimberly Monforton. Kimberly strives for excellence and in overcoming adversity. She is working diligently in all of her classes. Kimberly has blessed many others with her helpful heart. She is always asking if there are any chores or tasks that she could help others with after school, or when classwork is done.

- Diana McFaul, MLCA Director, recognized Shelby Smith. Shelby is resilient and has a patient heart. Throughout the year, Shelby has helped her students strengthen their love for learning with creative activities centered around their lessons. Shelby has an infectious, optimistic attitude. She truly is a blessing to our school.
- Diana McFaul, MLCA Director, recognized Kelly Kost. Kelley has a genuine love for what she does. She makes connections with students and staff by showing them empathy and understanding. Kelley is truly a dependable person who takes any opportunity to help lift others up

Reports

Director's Report - Diana McFaul

- Teacher Professional Development was completed on March 13. Diana McFaul reported that she had focused on: Professional Learning Communities (collaboration) and Vertical alignment with Washington State Standards
- Clock hours were provided for participating staff. This training supports continued instructional alignment and collaboration across grade levels.
- PTF recognized and honored our classified staff during Classified Week, March 9th-13th.
- Our students and staff demonstrated outstanding performance in the Vocabulary Bowl:
 - #1 in Washington State
 - #2 in our Division
 - #4 in the Nation
- Individual recognitions:
 - Mrs. Pease: #2 nationally among teachers
 - Mrs. Paysse: #24 nationally
 - Both ranked #1 and #2 teachers in Washington
- Additionally, 13 of our students ranked in the top 200 worldwide.
- Diana reported that we are working on an ASB Plan for the next school year. Some of the things being discussed are:
 - Training students in leadership skills, building community across the school, and hosting events that bring families together.
 - Offering ASB as a class meeting once per week to allow ASB officers time to plan activities and events.
 - Keeping the Snack Shack open.
- Meghan Paysse will continue serving as the ASB Advisor. Additional support staff will assist as needed.
- Retreat options are being considered for students in grades 7–12.
- ASB will include students in grades 6–12.

Finance Report

- Stefanie Lowry gave a summary of the Finance Committee meeting notes.

ASB Report - Hannah Pease and Meghan Paysee

- Secondary Skate Night was a success with a great turnout. Students requested that ASB host this event again next year.
- Bibles and Brew Crew met again on 03/13. Attendance was strong, and students engaged in thoughtful conversation.
- The Vocab Bowl is continuing and will conclude on March 31.
- The prom theme has been selected by ASB students: Old Hollywood. They are currently working to secure a DJ and a photo booth.
- ASB is collaborating with Athletics and Covenant Christian School to plan a Spirit Assembly to recognize winter athletes and their accomplishments.

Upcoming Events

Winter Spirit Assembly – TBD

ASB Elections – TBD
Prom – May 16th

Athletic Report - Josh Kast **Winter Sports Season -**

- The Girls' Basketball Team finished 3rd at Districts and claimed a spot in the State Tournament. They lost in the first round of the State tournament.
- The boys' basketball team was league and district champions and qualified for the State Tournament. They finished strong with a 4th-place trophy at State.
- Our Cheer program also finished the season up at State, supporting our team and energizing our crowd. It was very beneficial to have them support our athletes in the fall and winter.

Spring Sports Season-

- Track and Field is underway and has about 15 athletes participating. Dan Bishop is the head coach, and Jordyn Shaddix is the assistant. Stephanie Shopbell and Tom Porter will be volunteering and helping coach our athletes.
- Middle School Volleyball had a great turnout this season, with over 20 girls participating. We were able to form three teams, providing more opportunities for students to be involved and compete.
- We have launched our first season of HS fastpitch softball. Todd Gregory is the head coach, and Ty Whitaker is a volunteer assistant.
- Crab Feed planning is beginning to take shape. The date is May 2nd. We will be hosting the event inside the Den this year.
- Sport schedules for the 2026–2027 school year are currently being finalized. Football and volleyball schedules are nearly complete, with the remaining sports to follow

Marketing Report - Janiel Koethke

- Janiel reported that she covered the district and state basketball playoffs. She was able to get lots of great photos of the teams for social media, marketing, and the yearbook. She was also able to obtain a student photo pass and was able to encourage and work with one of the yearbook students as they took photos on the floor during the State Tournament.
- Janiel wrote and designed the Spring edition of the Donor Newsletter.
- Janiel reported that she is going through the print asset list to change the logos on various forms.
- Janiel conducted her annual Marketing photography day at the school, visiting classrooms and taking photos to use throughout the year for marketing purposes.
- Janiel is working on the constituents in DonorPerfect to collect missing addresses and do clean-up maintenance (ie, merge duplicate entries, etc.).
- Spring is here, which has meant lots of Event Center showings and bookings. Janiel has been inundated with calls for the last two weeks from interested clients. This coming weekend, we are proud to host the annual Care Moses Lake Bingo Fundraiser. It's especially meaningful that this community non-profit chooses our facility as a way to support another local non-profit organization.

Fundraising Report - Angel Ledesma

- The *Raise the Roof Campaign* is officially underway. Angel shared that applications have been submitted, meetings are being scheduled, and additional one-on-one outreach efforts are in progress to build support.
- A presentation to First Baptist Church has been scheduled, and an AgWest grant application has been completed, with hopes of securing a follow-up one-on-one meeting.
- The Paul Lauzier application is due at the end of April and will be submitted to support roof funding.
- The campaign presentation is in excellent shape, reflecting the significant effort and dedication the task force has put into its development.

Long Range Planning Committee Report

- Secure a competent and experienced Director for next year and beyond (and draft a robust transition plan to assist the new Director)
- Fund and replace the roof on the Primary Building this summer (2026)
- Request a detailed analysis of NWEA testing results over the last 3 years
- Evaluate honors or advanced class offerings next school year
 - a. Minimize “school preps” for secondary students
 - b. Hire 2 more teachers in Secondary – to focus on 7/8th grade
 - c. Look into the viability of engaging with part-time professors / Honors “packages”?
- Research the viability of Homeschooling co-op student participation in MLCA sports
 - d. Can accredited coursework (at home) be accepted/counted at MLCA

Old Business

A. Roof Capital Campaign update: The Task Force began executing their plan this month.

New Business

- Michael Rainis shared that the Board is reviewing the dress code parameters, as stipulations for chapel wear were added for the 2025-26 school year.
- A survey will be sent to parents/guardians regarding uniforms.

Public Comment Reading of Comment Guidelines

Cindy Serrato asked about the HVAC systems and what that looks like with a new roof. She also asked if MLCA was planning on hiring a band teacher for the 2026-27 school year.

Adjournment

- Gordon Guenther moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Angel Ledesma. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 P.M.