

January 14, 2008

Dear Parents,

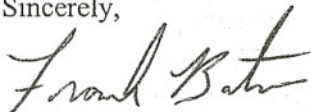
On behalf of the Board of Directors of Goodpasture Christian School, I want to express our deep sadness over the loss of Gilbert Drake. Gilbert was a devoted servant of the Lord as a husband, father, friend, and leader of our school. He served with great passion and integrity. We want to continue to be very mindful of Janet, Hannah, Leah, other family members and friends, as well as the entire Goodpasture family, as we mourn his loss. In the January issue of the Pathfinder, there will be a special tribute to Gilbert Drake.

During the Christmas holidays, there was a great deal of discussion, meeting and planning to determine the most appropriate and effective plan for the school. It is our desire to relay to you the plans we have adopted.

1. We want to make every effort to be sensitive to the Drake family's needs, and make a fair transition during this very difficult time. Several members of the Board have talked with Janet, and will continue to stay in communication with her.
2. For the Interim period, the Administrative Team, comprised of the Academic Superintendent, the Principals, and the Administrative Staff, will continue to direct the day-to-day affairs of the school. Each of them has been assigned very specific tasks to carry-out. These tasks include, but are not limited to, handling PTO issues and concerns, accounting and bookkeeping, overseeing athletic issues, SACS/ SAIS/NCSA communications, planning and overseeing upcoming open houses, planning Christian school in-services, and completing campus projects, improvements and repairs. Additionally, three Board members, J.D. Elliott- Secretary, Dr. Jim Gray- Previous Acting Chairman, and Frank Batson-Chairman, will assist the Administrative Team by meeting with them weekly to discuss matters, handle questions, make approvals, and provide assistance. These three Board members also will be reviewing the "Strategic Plan" for the school, and assisting the Administrative Team in continuing to implement it.
3. In our search for a new President, we will be hiring an Independent Consulting Firm to accept applications, review applicants, and narrow the search to the top candidates. Contact the administrative office or a Board member to apply or submit a nominee. J.D. Elliott, Secretary of the Board, is going to be working with the Consulting Firm in this search. We are very fortunate that J.D. has a great deal of experience in this capacity, and has even served on the search committee for the President of Lipscomb University. The entire Board will be interviewing the top candidates, and making the final decision in the hiring of this position.

I know this is a very difficult time for the Goodpasture family, and that there are many concerns about the way this loss has affected the school. In choosing to enroll your children here, we realize you have a great deal invested. This letter is sent in an effort to summarize our plans, and to assure you that the Board and the Administrative Team are striving to ensure your confidence in the stability of Goodpasture Christian School, and in the certainty of its promising future. We solicit your prayers and your support in our efforts.

Sincerely,



Frank Batson  
Chairman of the Board