

"IT'S ALL ABOUT GOD"

I had a few minutes to sit down with Agnes Waanders, chairperson for the Capital Campaign, who shared her thoughts as we transition into another phase of this building project.

NG: Does the update at the Pancake Supper signal the end of the Capital Campaign?

AW: Not at all. It marks the end of our journey with TDG. But the campaign is not over as there are still a number of visits that need to be made. In addition, there are people who were approached the first time and who for a variety of reasons could not participate at that point. But they did invite us back during 2018.

NG: What are the plans for the campaign over the next few months?

AW: The cabinet will continue to meet for two months on a bi-weekly basis, dealing with ongoing campaign related events. Then a scaled down version of the committee will continue to meet for a few more months wrapping up all the loose ends.

NG: How will the membership be kept up to date on the progress of the campaign and the build?

AW: We hope to continue publishing the newsletter on a less frequent basis. But we also plan to include an update in each of the upcoming LINKS so that the community is well aware of what is going on.

NG: What has been a highlight for you over these past 18 months?

AW: It's all about God and how great He is. I read somewhere, "There is nothing God loves more than proving his faithfulness". We have experienced this so clearly. This whole campaign is God; it was way too big for us. He's using us for His great purposes.



I LOVE TO TELL THIS STORY!

While the story of Huron Christian School reaches back about 60 years, the chapter entitled, "Same Foundation Next Generation Capital Campaign" began on a beautiful fall evening in September of 2016 with an outdoor barbeque. We thought the story had reached its climax at the May, 2017 Membership Meeting. It was there that we announced that we had reached \$3.1 M in only 8 months, but it was obvious that God had other plans for us. At the HCS annual Pancake Supper in early February the committee announced that the Capital Campaign had reached an astounding \$4.1M and that there was still lots of time and opportunity for people to participate in this incredible work of God.

This story is nowhere near its conclusion, as the "Building Phase" chapter is scheduled for release in July, 2018. As we move forward it is exciting to see how God's story for HCS is unfolding one chapter at a time.

Nick Geleynse
Principal



REFLECTIONS ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WITH THE DENNIS GROUP

As The Dennis Group Inc.'s involvement with the capital campaign wraps up, we caught up with Jackie Jones and Tetsy DeBoer to get their thoughts on this *Same Foundation, Next Generation* Capital Campaign.

- NG: You've spent the last 22 months working with this campaign at HCS. What are some highlights for you as your involvement with the campaign wraps up at the end of January?
- TDG: There's no doubt that this campaign has been one of the highlights of the many campaigns that TDG has had the opportunity to direct. Some examples of positive outcomes from this campaign:
- Re-connecting many alumni with the school and bringing them up to date on what is happening here.
 - It has been so encouraging to see the number of future parents with young families making commitments to the campaign and the vision for Christian education.
 - The support from past generations was phenomenal, and they were encouraged by the renewed interest for Christian education in the younger generation.
 - Many personal notes of encouragement accompanied donations or pledge cards.
 - The unique partnership with EduDeo and support for the schools in the Dominican Republic; with the promise of blessing for both of these school communities.
 - The many visits made in homes throughout Huron County, sharing the story of Christian education and rejoicing together at God's faithful provision.
 - The commitment of so many volunteers to make this campaign possible. The amazing teamwork and synergy that existed within the campaign cabinet created an incredible environment for success to happen.
- NG: Do you have any final comments that you want to share with the HCS community?
- TDG: It has been such a privilege to have walked alongside you on this journey. We've had the pleasure of getting to know your amazing and generous community and working with so many committed individuals who see the value and need for Christian education and the vital role that HCS plays within it. We will miss the warmth of the HCS community and can't wait to see what God has in store for you next! We wish you continued success for the exciting future that lies ahead and look forward to celebrating with you at the 'grand opening'!

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God has been gracious in providing amazing success to your "*Same Foundation – Next Generation*" campaign. It's encouraging to see Christian education thriving in your community. Thank you for thinking beyond your own community as you strive to be a blessing to others. Thank you for your bold vision. We're confident this partnership will meet two key goals. One, it will be a blessing to our brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic (and beyond). The funds you're providing will impact thousands of students, resulting in many transformed families and communities. Second, this campaign will help shape a global, Kingdom vision within students at Huron Christian School, equipping them to be effective agents of Jesus Christ in an increasing globalized world.

Congratulations on a successful campaign. Thanks for your partnership.

THANK YOU TO THE DENNIS GROUP INC.

Jackie Jones and Tetsy DeBoer, how can we adequately say thank you? From the beginning of this campaign, you have been professional and thorough. You kept us on track, focused on what was important. You taught us, mentored, coached, and worked alongside us to ensure that from a human perspective, this campaign would be a success. You encouraged, prodded, and questioned our assumptions forcing us to consider other options. And with us, you prayed, celebrated, worshiped, rejoiced, and marveled at God's gracious provision, time and time again. That, ultimately, is what knit us together as a working group. We thank God that He brought you to us to be such a blessing to the HCS community.

We give our heartfelt thanks to those who are sharing their time and talents.

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