

SPRING
2011

CELEBRATING the FIRST 50 BUILDING for the NEXT



▲ Jazz violinist and former JCCS teacher **Trevor Dick** wowed the audience with his multimedia performance.

Guests at the ▶
50th Anniversary
celebration enjoying
dinner at Guelph
Place.



▲ Growing to Serve Board Campaign
Chair **Peter Kingma** updated the
audience on the progress on our
fundraising campaign.



Current Principal **Bob Moore** ▲
(right) and Past Principal **Ted Bootsma**
(left) improvise a sign for "50".



▲ A grateful crowd expresses its thanks
to **Hieke Klapwyk** and **Nicole Ensing**
for their hard work organizing the 50th
anniversary celebrations.



Former principal ▶
Harry Vander Windt
sang a song about his
years at John Calvin
Christian School.

◀ Emcees **Dawn
Pinson** and **Adrian
Kooy** entertained
the audience and
kept the evening
moving.





GCCS Board UPDATE

GCCS continues to be richly blessed by the Lord. The GCCS Board of Directors, along with Principal *Bob Moore*, the teaching staff and parent volunteers, have been very busy with a lot of change and growth over the past year. We have experienced a year-over-year increase in enrollment from 160 to 200 students, which has entailed the addition of two new teachers, various support staff and a recruitment and retention leader. We have also added a second Arrowsmith class and a third bus route to better serve the south end of Guelph.

The main challenge at GCCS continues to be both the size and age of our current facility. Hence, the Board and Membership endorsed a Capital Campaign that was officially launched in late in 2010. Under the leadership of *Peter Kingma*, a 10-member Cabinet and a team of 15 canvassers have now raised \$2.5M towards a target of \$3.5M in only 9 months – God is good. To support the overall facility process, we have also established a Facility Committee, led by *Jack Tacoma*, and a Finance



Committee, led by *Chris Burkhart*. Each committee includes a team of support volunteers. We are now in the process of submitting a bid to the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) to purchase the former College Avenue Public School, which is a 37,000 square foot facility on 10 acres of land. This is a competitive process; and the UGDSB is setting a confidential minimum bid price. By the time this article is published, we should know whether or not we are the successful bidder.* If so, we expect to move into College Avenue for

September 2012. If not, we will continue to look for God's guidance. During the facility review and fundraising process we often refer to Isaiah 54:2, which states "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." Please continue to pray for God's guidance and His blessing on the work being done at GCCS.

Brad Wallace, Board Chairperson

*As we prepare to go to press we have learned that we submitted the highest bid, but we did not meet the reserve price and the school board is extending the sale process.

GCCS NOTABLES



- In this Spring's Track and Field Day, Nicole Hellinga broke the school record for Running Long Jump, covering 3.52 m. The previous record was 3.27 m, set in 2002 by Anna Hunse. Congratulations Nicole!
- The following students received perfect scores on all their Track and Field events: Andrew VanDyke, Jackson Wallace, Erin Ensing, Mitchell Penner, Nathan Sloom, Brendan Koops, Victoria Bell, Michaela Hellinga, Kirstin Hofstee and Madison Visscher. Congratulations!