



**Christian School
Administration Institute**

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Moderators:

*Philip Horst
Lorne Martin
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Song leader:

- *Jerry Drudge*

8:30 - Registration

9:00 - Welcome

- *Philip Horst*

9:10 - Opening Song

- **Devotional**

- *Fred Sohm*

9:30 - The Joy of Sacrifice

- *Melvin Burkholder*

Sacrifice - this word sounds like deprivation, joyless asceticism, even like suffering. Certainly it does not sound like joy. But could it be that our instincts are wrong on this matter, that in a right-side-up world, joy and sacrifice are not mutually exclusive, but are actually blood brothers?

10:15 - Workshops

A. Legal and Practical Record-Keeping - Daniel Houser

How should substitute teachers be paid – can we just cut them a cheque, or do we have to put them on the school payroll? Can donations for school support be receipted as charitable donations for tax purposes? How long should school records be kept? In this session we will attempt to clarify some of the legal aspects related to practical school record keeping.

B. The Board's Involvement in the Teacher's Workload

- Dwayne Weber

What is it about School Boards that make teachers shake? Why does the teacher feel like running out the back door when a School Board member comes in the front door? What can the School Board do to lighten the load of a frazzle-brained teacher who fears what the School Board thinks about them? From the teacher's eyes, what makes the School Board a good School Board? Come to share what you think.

C. Small Things That Make a Big Difference

(Sisters only)

- Ellen Martin

Do small things really make a difference? A big difference? Who does it affect? Can anyone do small things? Small things make positive and negative differences. We want to focus on the positive differences and especially how moms, board wives can make it easier for the teacher or anyone involved. When tragedy strikes a school family or the teacher what are those small things that could make a big difference? Interested in hearing suggestions, examples, experiences, questions for needs around us.

11:15 - Defining the Vision of the Christian Day School

- Dean Martin

Fifty years ago, in reaction to the lessening of Bible-oriented values by the public education system, the Ontario conservative Mennonites began to establish their own Christian Day Schools. What was their vision for their schools then? Is that vision still relevant for today? Do we still have a strong flourishing and growing vision for our schools in light of new challenges? Have we clearly defined it?

12:15 - Lunch (is provided)

1:45 - Period of Singing

- Jerry Drudge

2:00 - Psychology That Will Harm Us - Melvin Burkholder

What is psychology? How does it touch our daily lives, as persons, or as teachers? What benefits does it offer? What dangers does it pose? The purpose of this topic is to help us think right about a subject of critical importance.

3:00 - Workshops

D. Pros and Cons of Having Non-member Patrons In Our Schools

– Eugene Amstutz

Sometimes non-member patrons obstruct our goal of maintaining a structured school. Sometimes non-member patrons and their children, given an opportunity to see Jesus lived out in practical life, have become a blessing to the church. But are the member-patron's own children little missionaries? Let's discuss some red light, green light indicators that determine whether non-member patrons will be team players for your school.

E. The Journey of a Textbook

- Henry Weber

In the last fifty years, many textbooks have been written for use in Christian schools. What happens behind the scenes when a new textbook is being planned? What work is required to write and develop a new course? Follow the journey of a textbook from the inception of an idea to the finished product in the classroom.

F. Achievement Tests Explained

– Lorne Martin & Robert Heatwole

The why of achievement tests. We maintain what we value, and we value what we understand. Let's see if we can better understand so we perceive the value of what we would like to maintain.

3:55 - CSRC (Christian School Resource Committee) Update

- Philip Horst

4:15 - 15 Minute topics

Examining Our Values

1. The Dangers of Higher Education

– David Horst

The ability to read and write has always been a blessing to God's people. Illiteracy was the gateway to the dark ages, where many people were not able to read the scriptures for themselves. But is it possible to go down the road of learning too far? How do we define higher education? What are some dangers that we might face in the pursuit of more knowledge?

2. Is Grade 8 Enough?

– *Paul Zehr*

Grade 8 was enough for our grandparents. Today we face pressures for Grade 12 education. How should we relate to all of this in 2018?

3. Striving for Excellence

– *Richard Wagler*

“And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.” But then Adam ate of the forbidden tree. Now man is depraved, the ground cursed, and sweat and toil the order of the day. Can excellence even be achieved? Is striving for it always a good thing?

5:15 - Supper (is provided)

7:00 - Song

- Devotional

- *Steve Adams*

7:15 - Relationships (Fruit or Pursuit?) – *Melvin Burkholder*

Could anything in life be more important than good relationships? Those who experience good relationships have more joy and satisfaction in life, they have more influence over others, and they are enabled to accomplish more. Establishing good relationships should be a top goal in anyone’s life. Or should it?

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