



October 16, 2019

Dear Tacoma Baptist Schools Community,

The TBS Board of Directors (BOD) would like to share the following update from Eric Von Barnau Sythoff following the monthly BOD meeting last week, Tuesday, October 8:

It became clear while in Malawi this summer that my role with the Passion Center ([www.passioncenterforchildren.org](http://www.passioncenterforchildren.org)) would need to expand in order to walk through the open doors that the Lord had placed before us.

As the school enters an exciting time preparing for the next 60 years of dynamic and fruitful educational service to the greater South Sound region, I am requesting to step away from the Chair position while still maintaining my board membership. This will allow the Executive Team of the TBS BOD to work with our Strategic Advisor and Administrative Leadership Team going forward while I continue to serve and support the school as a BOD member and parent.

The BOD wholeheartedly supports and celebrates with Eric, his family, and his growing ministry in Malawi. We are grateful for his continued service to TBS on the board and as a member of our school community. We are blessed to be in partnership with him in this regard.

Maintaining continuity of leadership and membership, the TBS BOD then executed the following:

- Moved to place Vice Chair Dwane Henning into the Chair position
- Pastor Craig Kessel was nominated and accepted the Vice Chair position (while maintaining Board Development Committee Chair).
- Ron Nelson and Josh Kelcy continue as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.
- And Eric Von Barnau Sythoff joins Neal Eifling in a regular membership role

Additionally, the Resource Development Team (RDC) remains active and intact with Dwane (Chair), Ron (Treasurer) and Eric (regular member).

Please visit [tacomabaptist.org/school-board](http://tacomabaptist.org/school-board) for the list of TBS BOD members, roles, bios and contact information, along with previous communications and updates to the TBS community.

We remain grateful, blessed and humbled to be serving in this ministry. We value each and every one of our community members and families.

With His Abundant Love and Grace,

Dwane Henning  
TBS BOD Chair