

St. Pius X School Board Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2019, 6:00 pm

I. Opening Prayer – Lindsay Sweeney

II. Roll Call – Lindsay Sweeney

Members Present: Alex Baranosky, Kelly Cain, Father David Fleming, Greg Hayes, Bill Hunnicutt, Tricia Johnson, Mary Jo Kever, Genevieve Sisco, Lindsay Sweeney

Members Absent: Ryan Sauer, Renee Blakely, Chris Marshall

Guests: Matt Caffrey, Jennifer Walter, Jolene Rosebeck

III. Acceptance of Agenda – Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Executive Session after Wrap-up. Mrs. Johnson seconded, and the agenda was approved with the change.

IV. Approval of Minutes – Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes with the proposed technical changes. Mr. Hayes seconded, and the minutes from the March meeting were unanimously approved.

V. Open Forum – None

VI. Reporting

- A. **Teacher Representatives:** Ms. Rosebeck's First Grade students are working toward reading at level J or beyond by the end of the year. The readers club is starting tomorrow. In math, the students are learning to tell time. They are also focusing on Lent and the meaning of Easter.

Ms. Walter teaches Band. Students recently participated in a solo ensemble contest and did very well. The students are preparing for the spring concert which will be held on May 21, 2019. She is also the assistant director of the Middle School musical, *The Music Man*, which will be held on May 14, 2019. She teaches 27 students in Middle School band and 19 students from 5th grade.

Mr. Caffrey teaches Technology to all grades. They are using the new STEM Lab purchases made with last year's auction funds. The students are working with snap circuits, Spheros, invention kits, design and coding.

- B. **Administrator's Report:** A written report was submitted. Ms. Kever said the administrative team has been focusing on enrollment this week because the CTO deadline is tomorrow. They are reaching out to families that have previously applied for CTO to see if they need assistance with the application. Enrollment is currently at 44 in Preschool and 266 K-8. 39 current students have not enrolled.

In staffing news, the new Kindergarten teachers should be announced within the week. Applications for the P.E. position are still being reviewed.

The last day of school programming will be changing. It will begin with an end of school mass involving all classes. Following mass, the new Middle School (current 5-7 grades) will gather for a scholarship and awards reception, while the younger grades will remain in their classrooms for a more personal send off.

Advanced Ed is asking for parents to interview as part of the engagement review team.

- C. **Pastor's Report:** Father Fleming said the school Reconciliation went well and was completed within two hours with so many priests available to help. The Good Friday school liturgy is being planned. The planning for the end of school mass is underway. Updates on the capital campaign include negotiating the contract with the architectural firm and letters have gone out to fundraising consulting companies.

VII. Unfinished/Ongoing Business

- A. Diocese of Des Moines Strategic Plan for Catholic Schools updates
The plan will begin implementation this month. Dr. Jerry Deegan has been named Implementation Project Manager. Ms. Kever will serve on the steering committee.
- B. Second reading of Policies 501, 510, 511, 530, 574 and Regulations 501.1, 501.2, 501.3, 501.31, 501.4, 510.2, 530.1, 530.2 and 574.1
Mr. Hunnicutt read through the policies and regulations. Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve Policies 501, 510, 511, 530, 574 and Regulations 501.1, 501.2, 501.3, 501.31, 501.4, 510.2, 530.1 and 530.2 with the proposed changes and delete Regulation 574.1. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business

- A. School Board Elections/Appointments
Possible candidate skill-sets and backgrounds were discussed. Board members will begin reaching out to perspective candidates.
- B. School Mission Statement Revision
The school mission statement was discussed. Changing the mission statement will be revisited once more specific information comes from the Diocesan Strategic Plan.

IX. Board Development/Goal Progress

- A. Expanding the Parent Volunteer Network – no updates
- B. School Board Website Presence and Enhancement – Updates were suggested, including committee descriptions, interest in serving information, a clearer invitation to attend meetings and highlighting minutes in a different color to designate a link to minutes. Mrs. Sweeney will work with Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Baranosky to update.
- C. Using Our Gifts – no updates

X. Committee Questions & Discussion

- A. **Buildings and Grounds/Safety** – St. Pius X will be hosting a tabletop drill on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 in the Martha and Mary Fellowship Hall. The reunification plan after an active shooter scenario is the topic. The All Hazards Plan must be completed by June 30, 2019 and this will fulfill a part of it.
- B. **Finance** – A written report was submitted.
- C. **Policy** – Previously discussed, nothing additional to report.
- D. **Personnel** – Birthday cards were distributed.
- E. **Technology** – The committee visited Sacred Heart School to see their version of Smart Board/projectors. We will be replacing ours as part of a 3 – 4-year plan, beginning with the middle school wing.
- F. **Community Input/Enrollment Management** – The committee will be meeting on Monday, April 15, 2019.
- G. **Home and School** – A written report was submitted. Mr. Baranosky went through the PowerPoint presentation shared at the Home & School meeting prioritizing needs and requests for the Home & School monies.

XI. Wrap Up: Agenda Items/Topics for May School Board Meeting –

- A. School Board Candidates and Incoming Officer Nominations (Unfinished/Ongoing Business)
- B. Covenant (New Business)

XII. Executive Session

Mr. Hunnicutt made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Mrs. Sisco. The motion passed with unanimous consent and executive session was enacted.

Mrs. Sisco made a motion to exit executive session and enter regular session. Mr. Hayes seconded the motion which passed with unanimous consent. Regular session resumed.

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Hunnicutt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Johnson seconded, and the motion was passed with unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2019

Prayer: Greg Hayes

Reports Due: Monday, April 29, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Lindsay Sweeney on April 4, 2019.