

Board of Education
January 16, 2018
Schrup Family Board Room

Board Members Present: Todd Link, Fr. Rosonke, Kelley Schiesl, Brian Sullivan, Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel, Cheryl Syke, Jan Sigwarth, Brian Kane and Kevin Mullen

Absent: Fr. Hauer

Staff Present: Carol Trueg, Kathy Abba and Kari Nickol

Meeting began with prayer at 5:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- **Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel moved to approve the December 19, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Fr. Rosonke seconded. The motion carried.**

Consent Agenda Items

Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel questioned the purchase of the reading curriculum as mentioned in the Finance report and inquired as to why the seventh and eighth grade social studies curriculum has not been updated in several years. Carol Trueg assured her that there is an order for replacing curriculum and at some point the social studies curriculum will be updated.

Kathy Abba made a correction to the Recruitment Committee minutes. The FACTS tuition assistance application fee will only be waived for existing Holy Family pre-k students oldest and only in the system who are entering kindergarten. Those minutes will be amended.

- **Brian Kane moved to accept the committee minutes and reports with the Recruitment minutes as amended. Todd Link seconded. The motion carried.**

Chief Administrator Report

A reception will be held at Loras College for Holy Family faculty, staff and board members on Wednesday, January 31 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in honor of Catholic Schools Week. Carol invited board members to attend.

More than 150 people attended the parent meeting for the EDGE program on Monday, January 8. The application for EDGE opened on Friday, January 12 and 50 students were already signed up by the following Monday. Edge classes at Wahlert, which will be offered at the ninth grade level in 2018-19, will focus around the main core classes of Math, Science, English and Social Studies. Incoming ninth graders enrolled in EDGE who are on a different math track will be given an option to take a more traditional math class.

Data from the Needs Assessment recently completed by Holy Family parents, students, faculty and staff was sent to the board electronically. Carol indicated that principals will review their schools' data and system data as a whole will be discussed at the next administrative team meeting.

Elementary Long-range Planning

Members of the executive committees of the Board of Education and Platform for Excellence met with Archbishop Jackels, Msgr. Toale, Rick Runde and Kim Hermsen on January 3 to discuss elementary long-range planning. Carol updated the board on this meeting.

Update on Bullying and Harassment Prevention

Carol Trueg gave a PowerPoint presentation on Holy Family policy, prevention and response to bullying and harassment. Principals were asked to provide their procedure for addressing and preventing bullying at their sites as well as goals for improvement. Carol also passed out a draft of student expectations from Tom English that will be included in the coaches' handbook. Elementary level goals include finding a new guidance curriculum, involving parents by providing them with resources, and placing emphasis on empowering students. The secondary level will focus on creating expectations for student behavior, building awareness of what bullying is and how it impacts others, creating consistency in enforcement across campuses, and updating the activities handbook.

2017-2018 Wellness Policy

The 2017-2018 Wellness Policy was included in the packet for review and approval. Carol confirmed the policy is a state requirement and reported that the Holy Family policy is being suggested as a model for other schools.

- **Cheryl Syke moved to approve the 2017-2018 Wellness Policy as presented. Kevin Mullen seconded. The motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Feb. 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.