

Board of Education
December 19, 2017
Schrup Family Board Room

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

Absent: Cheryl Syke

Staff Present: Carol Trueg and Todd Wessels

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

Approval of Minutes

- **Todd Link moved to approve the November 21, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Kelley Schiesl seconded. The motion carried.**

Consent Agenda Items

Committee minutes and reports from system administrators were included in the packet for review. Kelley Schiesl questioned the current operations' loss due to spending of Circle of Celebration funds as stated in the Finance report and whether this is something that happens annually. Carol Trueg confirmed that it does occur on an annual basis and is due to teachers using Circle monies to fund innovative programming.

- **Fr. Rosonke moved to accept the committee minutes and reports as presented. Fr. Hauer seconded. The motion carried.**

Chief Administrator Report

Wahlert's twelfth Kairos retreat proved to be a remarkable experience for those students who attended. The next Kairos retreat will take place the first weekend back from Christmas break.

The Iowa Alliance for Choice in Education has set two legislative priorities, including increasing the number of School Tuition Organization (STO) credits available statewide and increasing the eligibility cap from three times the poverty level to four times. It is also looking into modifying Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs) to include incoming kindergarteners and transfer students. The Iowa Alliance for Choice in Education is looking for someone to submit a letter promoting school choice to the editor of the Telegraph Herald. Carol asked board members to let her know if they are interested.

Elementary Long-Range Planning

Members of the Executive Committee reviewed the discussion at the last Platform for Excellence meeting. Board and Platform Executive Committee members will meet with Archdiocesan officials on January 3 to discuss what needs to happen before moving forward. An Early Adopters draft document has been created that outlines the entire Platform. Carol will send this to board members for their review.

2018-19 Tuition Rate Approval

A historical look at tuition was included in the packet for review. As in previous years, tuition will increase by \$100 at each level.

- **Brian Kane moved to approve the 2018-19 tuition rates as presented. Kelley Schiesl seconded. The board approved.**

2018-19 Early Childhood Rates

A historical look at revenue generated by the Early Childhood centers was included in the packet for review. There will be a 2.33% increase in Early Childhood rates.

- **Fr. Hauer moved to approve the 2018-19 Early Childhood rates as presented. Jan Sigwarth seconded. The board approved.**

Academic Update

Todd Wessels provided an update on Holy Family academics. He referenced the Iowa School Report Card that was recently published, explaining that Holy Family and other non-public schools' results are not calculated by the state, largely because our subgroups of students do not meet required minimums.

Todd distributed 2016-2017 Iowa Assessment data, with one report comparing Holy Family results to schools in AEA1 and in the state, and another comparing Holy Family to other Catholic schools in the Archdiocese and in the state. In general, more than 90 percent of Holy Family students are at grade level in both reading and math, and year-over-year growth exceeds expected growth, especially in math.

Todd also outlined how the data from Iowa Assessments and other assessments is used. In addition to informing classroom instruction, the data is used to update and revise curriculum. It's also used for MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support), which focuses on planned, intentional and data-driven interventions to help students succeed and addresses students' skill gaps. Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel asked about measurements for our religion program. In the past, the ACIRE assessment has been used to determine students' knowledge of the Catholic faith, but research would have to be done to determine if this test has been updated to meet new standards.

Executive Session

- **At 6:20 p.m., Brian Kane moved and Fr. Hauer seconded to convene Executive session.**
- **At 6:34 p.m., Brian Kane moved and Fr. Hauer seconded to conclude Executive session.**
- **At 6:34 p.m., Fr. Hauer moved and Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel seconded a motion to adjourn.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 2017