

Board of Education
April 9, 2019
Schrup Family Board Room

Board Members Present: Scott Leibfried, Kevin Mullen, Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel, Cheryl Syke, Fr. Steve Rosonke, Fr. Phil Gibbs, Brian Kane, Kelley Schiesl, Jan Sigwarth

Board Members Absent: Todd Link

Staff Present: Carol Trueg, Kathy Abba, Kyle Leeson

Meeting began with prayer at 5:34 p.m.

Kyle Leeson, Wahlert Catholic math teacher, was introduced to the group. Kyle is currently working towards his administrative degree and attended the board meeting as part of his program.

Approval of Minutes

- **Fr. Steve Rosonke moved to approve the March 19, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel seconded. The motion carried.**

Consent Agenda Items

Committee minutes and reports from system administrators were included in the packet for review. Kathy Abba gave a quick update on the addition of two toddler rooms at St. Joseph the Worker Early Childhood, which will go to the Finance Committee for approval in April and to the board for approval at the May meeting.

- **Scott Leibfried moved to accept the committee minutes and reports as presented. Jan Sigwarth seconded. The motion carried.**

Chief Administrator Report

Circle of Celebration was held Saturday, April 6, at the Grand River Center. An outpouring of support was received for this year's Fund-A-Cause for teacher recruitment and retention. Bob Noel will provide numbers in next month's packet.

Dr. Ryan Wise, the Director of the Iowa Department of Education, visited Holy Family on Thursday, April 4, to gain an understanding of our Personalized Learning initiative. During his visit, Dr. Wise observed a Personalized Learning classroom, met with a panel of sixth, seventh and ninth grade students currently in the program, and visited students completing projects at Holy Ghost Elementary.

Letters of resignation for four teachers were included in the packet for review. Certified contracts were issued on Monday, April 8 and teachers will have two weeks to return their signed contract.

A total of 1,341 students have pre-registered for the 2019-2020 school year. School staff continue to reach out to those parents who have not yet registered.

Wahlert Catholic's graduation ceremony will be held on May 26. Board members wishing to attend will have the opportunity to process in with Holy Family staff and sit in reserved seats.

The group discussed current assessments administered at Holy Family, including the ISASP assessment, which replaced Iowa Assessments this year. Carol Trueg and principals are looking at the assessment load for students. As part of strategic planning, data received from assessments will be shared on the Holy Family website.

Carol Trueg met with teachers at each school site to explain the new salary schedule before contracts were issued. Overall, the response from teachers has been positive.

Strategic Planning Update

Carol Trueg provided an update of progress made on strategic planning. Carol, Kathy Abba, Phil Bormann and Zoe Houlihan continue to meet with educational consultant Ali Fuller weekly to move the process forward, and the Strategic Planning Steering Committee continues to meet monthly. In addition, a subset of the Finance Committee is currently looking at other tuition models and another small group is working on human capital including staff recruitment, development and retention.

Carol presented the updated graduate profile reflecting changes made at the last board meeting. A draft of five organizational priorities was also shared and the board provided feedback. Finalized priorities and initiatives will be presented at the May board meeting and the strategic plan will go to the board for approval in June.

Candidate Approval via Email

Carol Trueg asked the board to approve email voting for future certified teacher candidates to ensure timely offering of contracts.

- **Fr. Phil Gibbs moved to approve email votes for the approval of contract offers to teaching candidates. Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel seconded. The motion carried.**

Waiver of Make-up Days for Seniors

- **Kelley Schiesl moved to approve that Wahlert Catholic seniors be excused from the make-up days at the end of the year. Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel seconded. The motion carried.**

Executive Session

At 6:36 p.m., Fr. Steve Rosonke moved and Scott Leibfried seconded to convene to executive session.

At 6:57 p.m., Fr. Steve Rosonke moved and Scott Leibfried seconded to conclude executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.