

## **Board of Education Meeting**

**September 17, 2019**

### **Schrup Family Board Room**

**Board Members Present:** Brian Kane, Todd Link, Diane Rambousek, Jan Sigwarth, Fr. Phil Gibbs, Fr. Steve Rosonke, Kelley Schiesl, Kevin Mullen, Dan Walsh, Scott Leibfried, Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel

**Staff Present:** Phil Bormann, Bob Noel, Todd Wessels, Meagan Herkelman, Carolyn Wiezorek, Kyle Leeson

**Guests Present:** Jake Meyer, Kristy Meyer, Nicole Gantz, Rachel Wall, Kim Hermsen

Meeting began with prayer at 5:30 p.m.

Board members welcomed Diane Rambousek, who will replace Jan Sigwarth as board representative for St. Patrick Parish and Cathedral of St. Raphael. Diane is a Holy Family parent and a Wahlert Catholic graduate.

The board thanked Jan Sigwarth for her years of service to Holy Family Catholic Schools.

#### **Holy Ghost School Presentation**

Parents and representatives from Holy Ghost School attended the meeting to share their thoughts and feelings regarding the proposed Holy Ghost transition. Spokesperson and parent, Jake Meyer, presented to the board. Several ideas were shared including creating a panel to brainstorm ideas on how to better market Holy Family Catholic Schools, as well creating a niche program at Holy Ghost focused on STEM to help bring in new families. Mr. Meyer asked board members to consider giving Holy Ghost a year to come up with a successful strategy.

Brian Kane thanked Holy Ghost parents for attending. All feedback received will be taken into consideration and prayer as the board works towards a decision. Meetings will also be held at St. Anthony School on Monday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. and Holy Ghost School on Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. to give parents and parishioners another opportunity to share thoughts and ask questions. Board members were asked to attend both meetings.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- **Dan Walsh moved to approve the August 20, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Todd Link seconded. The motion carried.**

#### **Consolidation Agreement**

Brian Kane distributed a revised version of the Policy for Parish Initiated Capital Improvements to Elementary Sites, which will be added to the Consolidation Agreement. Minor changes were made including a revision to the process timing from 60 days to 90 days. Archdiocesan and Archdiocesan Board of Education approval is not required and was also removed.

- **Fr. Steve Rosonke moved to approve the revised Policy for Parish Initiated Capital Improvements to Elementary Sites for inclusion in the Consolidation Agreement. Scott Leibfried seconded. The motion carried.**

### **Consent Agenda**

Committee minutes and reports from system administrators were included in the packet for review.

- **Dan Walsh moved to accept the committee minutes and reports as presented. Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel seconded. The motion carried.**

### **Chief Administrator Report**

The Religion and Mission Committee is working on the 2019-2020 Catholic Identity Plan with a focus on creating a better understanding of the Mass.

Phil Bormann thanked parent Amy Freund for once again coordinating signup for Eucharistic Adoration in the Wahlert/Mazzuchelli chapel. Parents have been invited to pray for their children at Adoration each Monday while school is in session.

The Advancement team is working on retention strategies for students who may be impacted by the proposed Holy Ghost and St. Anthony transitions including how to connect parent associations to build up community between school sites.

Phil met with Dr. Thom Chesney, President of Clarke University, who hopes to partner with local high schools to offer post-secondary course offerings that provide students access to college credit.

Congratulations to National Merit Semi-finalists Sara Freund and Will Hoffman, both Wahlert Catholic seniors. Sara and Will earned the designation by surpassing the cut score of 215 on the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test).

The September 12 elementary facilities meeting was well-attended. A lot of feedback has been received from the community on the three proposals and is available on the Holy Family website. Phil will be attending parish council meetings in September for both Holy Spirit and St. Anthony Parish.

The next CRAFT community input session will be held on Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kehl Family Commons at Wahlert Catholic. This input session will focus on Talent. Board members were invited to attend.

### **Strategic Planning Initiatives**

Current updated five-year initiatives of the strategic plan were included in the packet for review. Board members were asked to provide any additional input or suggestions for changes before the October 15 Board of Education meeting.

Board members agreed to meet for an additional work session to go over all feedback received regarding the elementary proposals before the October board meeting. This will be scheduled sometime during the first week in October.

**Executive Session**

At 6:07 p.m., a motion was made to convene to Executive Session.

At 7:38 p.m., a motion was made to conclude Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.