

Board of Education Meeting
February 16, 2023
Meeting held via Zoom

Board Members Present: Dan Walsh, Cole Cluchey, Brian Kane, Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel, Diane Rambousek, Kevin Mullen, Aaron Burke, Isabelle Pattarozzi, Scott Leibfried, Fr. Dennis Quint, and Fr. Phil Gibbs

Board Members Absent: Kelley Schiesl

Staff Present: Phil Bormann and Lisa Krapfl

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

Academics Update

Phil Bormann introduced Lisa Krapfl, the Director of Curriculum. Lisa does quite a lot for our system through academics and curriculum, technology, and Title I funding.

Lisa Krapfl presented an academics update to the board, after taking their feedback and questions from the strategic planning session into consideration.

Beginning with standardized tests, Lisa shared the FAST, ISASP, and PreACT testing data. FAST testing is completed three times a year and the purpose is to signal to teachers and administrators on immediate next steps for students. At the elementary level, the data was broken down to see how each site is performing in each area and Mazzuchelli's data was included as well for review.

In the ISASP testing data, Lisa shared class data to see the trend for English-Language Arts, Math, and Science from year to year. Lisa pointed out that grades 3rd through 6th do pretty well, but as the students get older, the results don't look as great, especially once they reach 11th grade as they have little interest in performing well. Lisa is working with Mariah Reeves on reiterating the importance of the test to students, as NICC they will sometimes ask for their ISASP score, and if a student falls below, they need a recommendation. The science data for ISASP is hard to make any sort of trend as it is taken in 5th, 8th, and 10th only.

PreACT scores were also shown to the group for 9th and 10th graders, with a comparison of non-personalized learners to personalized learners, and the results are promising for personalized learners. Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel pointed out that the English seems low for Fall of 9th grade. Lisa shared that there is concern there as the PreACT is tied to grammar, while PL is focused on writing and the progress, which is something that can be improved in Summit to increase those scores.

Lisa shared the plans for improvement in academics, starting with math. This includes math teachers attending a Mathematics Training in Chicago this summer. Each school will also have a math team lead/coach to support improvements in classroom instruction, curriculum planning, and support and will begin training in March of 2023 with summer training specific to their role and work with their site principal.

Holy Family has also been chosen to be involved in a pilot for OpenSciEd with 4-5 other schools throughout the U.S. on science which will be the focus of 24-25. Lisa and her team will continue

to review current science courses and revisions for rigor and relevance that align with the Iowa Core Standards and will continue mapping to help increase the number of science courses taken by students.

Lisa also shared a math curriculum map with the board of the Summit Learning Math Track and the Advanced Summit Learning Math Track. Isabelle Pattarozzi asked if we are seeing the need for advanced math sooner than 7th grade. Phil shared that this has been explored in the past, but when it was introduced too early, students started failing out and got burned out, teachers believed we were doing them a disservice by advancing them too early.

As it relates to math, Dan Walsh questioned how Integrated Math fits in for colleges. Lisa explained that colleges know what our Integrated Math is, as she provides the college with a course guide so that they are familiar with our course alignment.

Lisa showed the curriculum adoption cycle that she has been working on. Professional Learning has also been a priority for Lisa. She thanked the board for helping her get set up with a Professional Development fund and showed a list of how teachers have chosen to utilize those funds and continue to grow as a professional.

Postsecondary outcomes and data were shared with the board. Compared to the State of Iowa and other comparable schools, Holy Family holds a steady 90 percent or greater in the percent of graduated students that enrolled in postsecondary school within one year of high school, and for the percent of graduates that returned for a second year compared to the State of Iowa which is about 65 percent for those enrolling in the first year and 55 percent for those that returned for a second year.

Mentoring begins in 4th grade and continues at each grade level from then on. Lisa shared the different types of mentoring that take place at each different grade level and how it helps prepare students for their next step. By the time they are in 12th grade, Katie Lenart meets with every student to build a personalized schedule to fit their needs and postsecondary plans. Lisa shared some examples of student pathways that have been developed. An internship schedule was also shared with the board to see what students are doing for their internships.

Lisa shared the Holy Family Commitments from a Portrait of a Graduate with the board that she has been working on and would like to publish to show the commitments and promises we make towards our students and families. Lisa expressed that any feedback the board had on these commitments or other areas of academics, would be appreciated.

Dan Walsh thanked Lisa for her time and all the good work that she does for the system.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 19, 2023 Board of Education meeting were included in the packet for review.

- **Scott Leibfried moved to approve the January 19, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Diane Rambousek seconded. The motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

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

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

Chief Administrator Report

Phil Bormann shared that *The Body Matters* by TOBET has been reviewed and approved to order for the Human Growth and Development requirements by the state. The Religion curriculum committee is currently reviewing four different series for adoption. Along with the four series, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is also being investigated beginning with being witness to the program either locally through Nativity or the Cathedral or in Madison.

Regarding Recruitment and Retention, a 3rd section of Kindergarten will be open for both St. Columbkille and Resurrection next year, as there has been an increase in enrollment interest at this level. At the 6th and 9th grade level, there are 10 new applications for each.

Dan Walsh questioned if the increased interest was due to the ESAs. Phil shared that most of them are and they are mainly parishioners that are in our Early Childhood Centers that would otherwise have a cost burden without ESAs. They are coming for the right reasons and want to be a part of our Catholic community. Kevin Mullen asked if there was any concern with the teacher-student ratio. Phil shared that it is a concern, as we want to make sure that we are supporting our teachers along with our students.

For facilities, Resurrection has water coming up from the ground and freezing. A temporary fence has been put up to secure the area and it will be more formally taken care of in the spring. The St. Columbkille facility planning meeting has been postponed due to weather, but the committee will meet in the near future.

Holy Family will receive additional guidance from the Archdiocese of Dubuque on Friday, February 24 with how to proceed on ESAs and the budgeting process.

Heather Trees has resigned from her position at Wahlert Catholic and Barb Davis has retired from her position at Resurrection. Phil thanked them for their outstanding contributions to Catholic education.

Mary Sulentic recently sent out a survey to certified and non-certified staff members regarding pay and benefits and will take a closer look at those results to see where the priorities are of staff members.

Education Savings Accounts Update

Phil shared that we are currently waiting on additional guidance and information from the Archdiocese of Dubuque that will be coming soon. There is not anything new at this point, but there will be many tuition and budgeting meetings coming. Holy Family is approaching Origin about the cost of running an in-depth space study on our system as well.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.