

St. Luke the Evangelist School Board Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2019

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the School Board was called to order following prayer at 7:25 p.m. at St Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church by acting president Anna Schaffer.

Members present: Kelly Royal, Scott Ciochetto, Anna Schaffer, David Niedergeses, Sam Knezevic

Member absent: Licia Pettit

Staff present: Principal Tonya Eaton, Father Adam Westphal

Visitors present: Susan Grebasch, Dana Bastien, Emily Pollpeter, Susan Battani

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Minutes approved prior to meeting via email.

Reports

Extra-Curricular Activities

Report submitted by Anna Schaffer.

Discussion: Thank you to Kelly Royal for leading our first year of Battle of the Books. The school competition was held today.

Administrator's Report

Report submitted by Tonya Eaton.

Discussion: None

Grants

No report submitted.

Discussion: None.

Finance

No report submitted.

Discussion: None.

Policy/Handbook

No report submitted.

Discussion: None.

Family School Association

Report submitted by Anna Schaffer.

Discussion: None.

Discussion Items

Calendar

Mrs Eaton presented the 2019-2020 school year calendar for approval. The school start date is set for August 23rd. Board members expressed concern about the number of early-out days and this creates a

child care issue for many. These professional development days are diocesan mandated and cannot be altered. Mrs Eaton says that if there is room in the budget for a childcare director, it would be much easier to have childcare available during the early outs. The calendar contains 1138.75 school hours. Calendar approval was tabled and will be revisited at the March meeting.

Budget

The Bishop will be approving our budget before we can approve it. It was motioned and approved for a tuition cap of \$6000 to be set for non-Catholic students.

Survey

Mrs Eaton presented the results from the Catholic Identity Program Effectiveness survey. This survey was given to students in grades 5-6, all staff and roughly 40 parents. Overall the scores were very good. Mrs Eaton can send the full results to anyone who wants to see them. This survey is part of the accreditation process.

School Zone

Various parties have already approached the City of Ankeny to see about getting a reduced speed School Zone sign on Weigel drive, as well as a crosswalk; these requests were denied in years past. Now we have more children walking to school and this needs to be revisited.

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 8:34 pm. They exited the session at 9:02pm.

Next Meeting

Next regular meeting will be held March 26th at 6:30pm.

Adjournment

After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.

Minutes submitted by: Margery Pierce, School Board Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FSA

- Money raised from 2019 Green Gala will be put towards scoreboard, library cataloging system, smart boards on wheels for 6th & 7th grade. Total teacher Appeal amount was surpassed.
 - Had less than 200 attendees at Green Gala last year and around 230 this year
- Shared tuition increase amount and asked for feedback, but did not receive any
- Concerns expressed over not having enough volunteers for Book Fair - opinions voiced that parents are burned out as the same parents continue to be the only ones volunteering
- Voted on bylaws - made slight changes to accommodate new plan of lining up budget line items to FSA funds
 - Going forward, FSA needs to have major expenses from school board by December for planning purposes
- Uniform garage sale scheduled for 6/8. Parents will donate used uniforms to be repurchased at low prices.
- Green Par Tee scheduled for 9/7/19 at Woodland Hills

Extra Curricular

- 1st ever Battle of the Books competition held today, 2/26
- Chess Club regular meetings wrapping up this Sat, 3/2, followed by a tournament on 3/9
- Coding Club - no volunteers
- Innovators Academy - Kelly has been in communication with this business in Prairie Trail. It sounds like there are many great opportunities to provide STEM activities/program/field trips for our students. Need to research and discuss best format.