

DPA School Board Minutes

2021-2022

September 23, 2021

7:00-8:00 pm

- 1) **Opening prayer-** (Becky)
- 2) **Roll Call-** (Becky)
 - a) Present-Kate Beuschel, Bruce Vandermuellen, Ashley Dietrich via Zoom, Tonya Fritz, Ryan Swanson, Jeannie Sokolowski
 - b) Absent-Kyle Pline, Fr. Andrew Ayers, Todd Kline, Misty Conran
- 3) **Approval of previous minutes:**Approved (Becky)
- 4) **Approval of agenda:** Approved (Becky)
- 5) **Administration update** (enrollment, staffing, other) (Kate)
 - a) 1.**St Joseph**-See attached BOD Admin update
 - b) 2.**St . Catherine**-See attached BOD Admin update
 - c) Self study-standard 5 homework, example will be on Google Shared Drive
 - i) one benchmark to work on before each BOD meeting to complete before Accreditation in April
 - ii) 8 Board standards with several benchmarks to rate ourselves 1-4, before the next meeting, rate our benchmarks, examples and how we will be able to move up to the next level
- 6) **Action item / committee review**
 - a) Finance: (Bruce)
 - i) will give another update at next months meeting after Todd revamped the finance outlook
 - ii) Dan Dietrich is willing to be added to the Finance Committee and work with the Board
 - b) Development: (Becky)
 - i) Insert portions of the 'Wings Tradition' into the weekly bulletin to make parishioners aware of opportunities to contribute to endowments, Helping Hands Scholarship, ect.
 - ii) Helen Dietrich submitted a grant proposal for the Coopersville Area Foundation to request funds for the startup costs of the new Preschool 4's and Young 5's classroom at St. Joseph campus. HSA and Auction have contributed a majority. The grant request is for the remainder.
 - c) Building and Grounds: ()
 - i) Any update on recruiting a member for this committee?
(1) Tonya Fritz will ask her brother and see if he is interested in becoming the Committee chair
 - d) Strategic planning/Policy: ()
 - i) Need to continue work on "mapping out" the strategic plan
 - ii) set some dates to collaborate
 - iii) Needs to be done as part of the Accreditation
 - e) Mission Effectiveness: (Kyle)
 - i) I have been working on revising/updating WINGS to better reflect our mission statement (as we have discussed at previous meetings). This will hopefully serve as our "elevator speech" to describe DPA to others. I have also reviewed our website and have some suggestions about wording/verbiage to strengthen our description of the WINGS model... making it more consistent throughout the website. I hope to present this at the next meeting.

- f) Marketing: (Ashley)
- i) Greg Geering left the position at the Diocese, his replacement Sarah has a meeting with Ashley in October to establish a plan, map out a plan and priorities for marketing.
 - ii) no word on funding from the Diocese yet, there is a balance for marketing fund, and some from Auction
 - iii) Website for logo wear is linked to the school website but no one uses it yet. No good site yet or local company that has a good system.
 - iv) Should we introduce plaid into the uniform?

7) HSA/Auction update

(Ryan)

- a) **SC** HSA-Golf outing raised \$7892 with 20 teams, everything ran smoothly, auction plans are coming together, 50 seats reserved after announcement at mass. Taking in donations, looking for good live auction stuff. Experiences go best for the most money.

b) SJ HSA-

(Tonya)

- i) Grand friends day in October,
- ii) Trunk or Treat is scheduled again
- iii) Mackinac Island field trip is planned for Elementary students at both campuses
- iv) Auction-no fall party, other ideas in mind, Football squares instead
- v) Kyle and Emily Bliss are Co-Chairs for this years auction

8) Open discussion:

- a) Secretary position-minutes need to be taken at all meetings.
 - i) Have V-P take minutes at meetings
- b) Actively solicit membership for the board, parishioners, community members, we need better recruitment tools
- c) 2020-2021 School Board Survey results are in the Shared Drive in the Annual School Board Survey folder.
 - i) Only 3 DPA school board members completed the survey
 - ii) Everyone is encouraged to fill out the survey for the 2021-2022 school year, when it becomes available.
- d) Update Winter Survey questionnaire to parents
 - i) Ask questions that we want to take actions on
 - ii) Have new questions ready for the next Board meeting so they can be put on Survey Monkey and printed off before fall conferences.
 - iii) What are the questions that we want answered?
 - (1) Uniforms? Do we add a plaid option for girls, how strict should the uniform policy be?
 - (2) Forecasting future enrollment for Middle School
 - (3) Questions need to be finalized before the next meeting to be ready before Fall Conferences.
 - (4) Sports? Is this a point of contention for students to be moved to public schools during middle school because of lack of opportunities to join a sports team?

Next meeting is October 28, 2021

7:00-8:00

St. Catherine Campus

Mission: As a Catholic academy, we cultivate courageous servants of God by nurturing strengths and promoting leadership through academic and spiritual excellence.

Vision: Be a learning community that grows WINGS: world knowledge, focuses on individualized, innovative education, provides a nurturing family environment, and is God-centered, while utilizing supportive technology.