

## **DPA School Board Minutes**

**2022-2023**

January 26, 2022

7:00-8:00 pm

- 1) **Opening prayer** ( )
- 2) **Roll Call-** (Becky)
  - a) Present- Dave Faber, Christina Watkoski, Kate Beuschel , Becky Porter, Leanne Lipski, Todd Kline , (virtually) Bruce Vandermeulen , Kyle Pline, Jason Smith, Damon Jordan (district representative to Congressman Mollenaar)
  - b) Absent- Chelsea Lockhart, Tonya Fritz, Misty Conran
- 3) **Approval of previous minutes:** Kyle motions, and approves (Becky)
- 4) **Approval of agenda:** Kyle motions and approves (Becky)
- 5) **Dave Faber speak for 20-30min**
  - a) review of Fall Board Summit
  - b) May 3, 2023 is Spring Board Summit, agenda to come
    - i) 5 new sessions, advised to go in place of regular BOD meeting
    - ii) update of the Strategic Plan-video (goal is to map out the next 5 years)
  - c) Flexible tuition rate/variable tuition helps parents and schools meet an agreement in tuition
  - d) The great investment of Catholic education pays off in dividends
  - e) Add feedback to the Draft Tactics of the upcoming Strategic Plan
  - f) Progress Report
- 6) **Administration update** (enrollment, staffing, other) (Kate)
  - a) Staff update
  - b) State Budget Update
  - c) Catholic Schools starts next week:
    - i) All school mass
    - ii) Kids food basket in two locations
    - iii) MS/UE Cathedral mass
    - iv) Rosary
    - v) Fr. Andrew visits classrooms and talks about vocations
    - vi) Friday after school Roller Fox
  - d) Development Newsletter-highlights the new book about Catholic microschools, COTGS, ways to help contribute to schools.
  - e) Alumni spreadsheet to be started this summer by Brittany in admin, a database of alumni lists from SC
  - f) Little Wings teacher -Jaime Hawkins at SC campus, CDA as a lead teacher/co-lead with Kailey
  - g) Flexible School Tuition/variable tuition-marketing strategy," tuition rates will go up an amount a month" and no one complained or took their kids out of school.
    - i) May help retain pre-school students and encourage them to go on to K-8 school
- 7) **Action item / committee review**
  - a) Finance: (Todd/Bruce)
    - i)
    - ii)
  - b) Development: (Christina)

- i) Applied for a grant from Coopersville Foundation for funds to help cover cost of all belong social worker and looking to use these funds to increase the amount of time we can have the social worker at our schools
- ii) MDHHS School Ventilation Program -Through the MI Safe Schools Indoor Air Ventilation Program we are receiving air purifiers and filters to both of our campuses.

St. Joseph

Purifiers		Filters
- MA-40	2	6
- MA-50	5	15
- MA-50 3.0	0	0
- MA-112	2	6

St. Catherine

Purifiers		Filters
- MA-40	1	3
- MA-50	6	18
- MA-50 3.0	0	0
- MA-112	1	3

- c) Building and Grounds: (Jason)
  - i) Can save the interior doors, installed backwards
  - ii) SJ building is one of the safest/well built schools Jason has seen, just needs some tweeking and maintenance to get it up to safety standards
  - iii) replace hardware
  - iv) \$30,000 for changes, section it off to fiscally do it responsibly
  - v) \$108/student for K-8 for security upgrades vs. \$10000's for a public school student
  - vi) Safety audits help to write for safety grants in the next years. Jason will also help write the grants. He has a grant writing program.
  - vii) Congressman Mollenaar is house appropriations and also in state dept. of agriculture.
- d) Strategic planning/Policy: (Misty)
  - i) meeting next Wednesday to progress
- e) Mission Effectiveness: (Kyle)
  - i) God's Closet kids clothing donations to roll out during Lent for the month of March
    - (1) helps kids realize others are less fortunate and to be grateful for our blessings
- f) Marketing: (Christina)
  - i) Created a handheld banner to bring to events such as Song Fest and parades. Ordering 2 retractable banners to be put up at the back of each church and to be used at events such as Festival.
  - ii) Will be handing out prayer cards at the end of mass on Sunday for the start of Catholic schools week.

**8) HSA/Auction update**

- a) SC HSA- (Chelsea)
  - i) Our final net profit from the Auction was \$19,058.35.
- b) SJ HSA- (Leanne)
  - i) Auction on Feb. 11-Prom theme
  - ii) Spelling bee for both campuses
  - iii) Catholic Schools Week
  - iv) Mother/son bowling and Daddy/daughter dance

**9) Open discussion:**

- a) Set closed tuition rate meeting for February
- b) to discuss at the March meeting

Next meeting is  
March 6, 2023  
7:00-8:00  
St. Joseph 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.

**Divine Providence Prayer**

O loving Providence of God, please guide me in my journey of life. Your love is greater than my difficulties and stronger than all my temptations. I cannot live without your grace. Though I will sin a million times, you always forgive me. You will always take care of me. For you, I will forget about myself, my thoughts, and my fears. Help me to hope in you, even in my darkest hours. Guide me through my path of life with your tender heart and protective care.

Providence did provide, Providence can provide, Providence will provide. O loving Providence of God, I commit this cause to you. Amen.