

## School Committee Meeting – April 23, 2019

**Attendees:** Ms. Haase, Jill Kauffman, Angela Zwald, Greg Steil, Jennifer Wendorf, Heather Eggers, Tricia Cargen, Jennifer Nampel

**Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.**

### **Introduction of Guests:**

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Athletics Update – Matt Warmka (SKDS Athletic Director):

- This was our first year in the new league MAISL (Madison Area Independent Sports League). Basketball was the first sport we have participated in the league. Most schools were in the Madison area; St. Jerome's in Columbus also joined this conference this year. The league sets the schedules up along with where we play. There was a lot of good competition; wide range of talent. SKDS had 4 basketball teams this year – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls. Each school has a representative who attends the league meetings. We need to look at a fundraising source as we are no longer able to host middle school dances.
- Parents have inquired as to including LLFF students on our teams. Comments/questions included:
  - Making sure SKDS students get enough playing time.
  - Smaller class sizes could lead to students leaving because we do not offer sports/not enough players for teams.
  - In the current league, 50% of the players have to attend the school.
  - St. Jerome's currently has LLFF kids on their teams. Athletic Association to look at other schools who have LLFF kids on their teams to find out what are their guidelines/policies.
  - How would we be alerted if public school students have school issues and cannot play??
  - Jen Wendorf will contact Ms. Crombie at Holy Trinity to get their policy.
- Matt will be scheduling a meeting after track season for all parents to discuss our current Athletic Association set up.
- Look at fundraising for new uniforms.

**Approval of March 2019 Minutes:** March minutes were approved by Heather Eggers and seconded by Greg Steil.

### **Audience Comments/Eyes & Ears/Correspondence:**

- Stations of the Cross – Living and Shadow Way
- Youth Group Mass/Seder Meal at St. Columbkille
- Good Friday Ecumenical Service at the High School – led by high school students.

**Old Business:** None

## **Pastor's Report:**

Catholic Schools conference attended by Fr. Mike. Focus of the conference was evangelization and parish school relationships. Average age of people leaving the church is 13. Pastor and principal must be talking with each other; staying on the same page. Staff retreat day. Better orientation for all school committees to make sure all expectations/requirements are communicated. More Sunday morning contact at other parishes. School and LLFF students participate/plan weekend masses. Service trips work well.

Estela Calvo: Insights on Latino growth and inclusion. What can we do to retain/attract Latino students to our school? Other schools have issues with language, laws, families do not want to take risks. Some believe that going to Catholic schools is only for the wealthy or they are not worthy. Madrinas (godmother) program: recruit students; talk about what is going on at school with other mothers. Invite everyone in case parents are not able to come – grandparents, cousins, aunts/uncles. Other schools have Hispanic liaisons available all day. Everything sent out should be translated. Due to language barrier, meet face to face instead of via phone/email. Verbal communication is #1. Difficulty with retaining kids throughout the grades can be attributed to Latino families not feeling connected to the school due to language barriers. No issues with racism amongst the students but need to educate the parents. Special days at school to celebrate Catholic traditions/saints of other countries.

MaryBeth Schessow: Using the MissionInsite which is a program the Arch has; we give them our demographic information and the Arch in turn provides marketing info. Specific ways this can help the schools with student recruitment. Send post cards to specific areas/zip codes/target marketing. Different approaches for student recruitment. Key item was their information is only as good as the data we give them. Talked about different relationships: parent-to-parent, mentor relationships. Invite people who attend our fundraisers to school events such as Festival of the Arts. It takes 7 times of contact before a person will take an action. 2<sup>nd</sup> session was a panel of administrators talking about marketing. Digital Fencing. Ideas for event nights. Student ambassadors to give tours of the schools.

## **Administrator's Report:**

**School Choice** - Applications, Audit: covered the third Friday in January numbers audit. Went well. We are done for this year for that part. Auditors will back in August to look at everything from the end of the school year. Right now, we have 16 Choice applications that are being processed. Waiting to see if all of those go through the DPI process/lottery. We will find out in June. The amount is \$7954.00 per student for next school year.

**Building Project** - Impact on School: letter going out from Barb Haase/Heinzen regarding asbestos removal being done in church and a few areas in the school. All band/gym items will need to be moved out into a storage area. May 10 after school children are gone until Monday morning the asbestos removal will be occurring in school. Air quality will be checked before students return on Monday. Most of the work is being done in the tunnels. Asbestos removal will not be done during the school day.

**Bullying Policy** – handouts on the Archdiocese policy, current SKDS policy, BDUSD policy. Currently there are many gray areas as to what is handled in what way. Committee members to review these items. Take a look and gather your thoughts; must be worked on with our new principal. School Committee members to send Ms. Haase their ideas.

**Budget** - Tuition Assistance: went out in the Family folder last week Friday, April 19. Budget was passed by the Finance Council.

Hand out on the School budget through March 2019. Ordinary giving to the parish is down due to renovation giving; snow removal costs are way higher than normal.

**SCRIP:** No report

**Finance:** Handed out school financial report through March 2019.

**Advancement:** No report

**Glitz:** No report

**Parish Council Liaison Report/Update:** No updates

**New Business:**

**New Members & Elections:** We have 4 committee members whose term will be done at the end of this year and 1 term to fill out due to Lilia Avalos moving. We need to find dedicated individuals who are willing to work hard and give our new principal help to succeed.

**Additional school committee meeting/orientation** on July 31 with Ms. Crombie.

**Social Media** – what is our process to getting school functions posted on Facebook. Missing out on many events not being shared with the school parents/relatives/alumni. Jennifer Nampel to contact the different school committee “heads” and advisors and ask them to contact Mrs. Wilson when they need something posted.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Angela Zwald 9:13pm and seconded by Jennifer Wendorf.

**The next school board meeting is Tuesday, May 21, 2019.**

**Note the May meeting has been cancelled; the next meeting will take place on June 18, 2019, at 7PM.**