

School Board Meeting – November 19, 2019

Attendees: Jennifer Crombie, Angela Zwald, Jennifer Nampel, Sarah Bindl, Danielle Paul, John Bowser, Estella Calvo, Fr. Mike, Jenny Wendorf, Marybeth Schessow

Absent: Greg Steil, Angela Davis

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Introduction of Guests: Marge Herbers

October 2019 School Committee Minutes: Approved by all

Audience Comments/Eyes & Ears/Correspondence: Roundtable - Share something positive about our school

Liked changes to parent teacher conferences; having conferences later in the year and after report cards. Gave parents a chance to look over before meeting with teachers. Two nights in place of one night and one day was well received. Will go with this again next year. Any issues with parents who work 2nd shift? Parents are/were able to schedule a conference at a different time.

Glitz: thoroughly enjoyable time just for parents. New format this year was well received. Allowed mingling from table to table. Good community building. \$21k was net profit.

Looking forward to the Christmas program.

Basketball season has started out well.

Old Business:

Use for convent: transitional housing for low income individuals. At the pastoral council it was split 50/50 as to how people felt about using our convent as a homeless shelter for New Beginnings. Concerns regarding how it would affect school and the faith formation program. Perception of the threat that could be damaging to both programs. Did not move forward with it at that time. Informed New Beginnings that they need to continue looking at a different location as it was not well received. The parish would be getting rid of some of the costs that are currently used. Questions on how we would want the partnership to be? Parish council member always on the board of New Beginnings? If we do not utilize the convent for a use like this, we should sell it. We could fix it up and sell it (\$10k or so to bring it up to being marketable). We will still retain the backyard even if we sell the house. Garage has serious problems. Question if there is any police data regarding calls. Over the past 5 years only a few calls. Final decision will be made the beginning of December. If we buy/sell a property, we must receive a full vote from the corporate board.

Pastor's Report:

Spring St. reconstruction most likely beginning next summer. Sidewalk will be much lower which will mean there will be many more steps to the school front entrance. Question was asked if a flashing light could be installed at the crosswalk. If we are thinking of changing the entrance to the school this would be the time to talk about it.

School Budget vs Actual (July through October 2019) distributed: The parish spends \$8500 per child; healthy/solid number for a Catholic school. \$1k goes toward each child's tuition from the Endowment Fund. Include this information on the tuition contact. We contribute more per 4k student than we receive from the school district. Extra money spent on giving extra to these students as a marketing tool (gym and music class).

Communication with neighboring cities Catholic churches regarding sending their students to SKDS.

Administrator's Report:

- National Catholic School Mentor Program: The press release regarding our involvement is on the SKDS website.
- Meeting with each 4k family to discuss staying at SKDS when their child is in kindergarten.
- Spending a lot of time in the classrooms completing informal observations on teachers using the EvaluWise program from the Archdiocese. This allows frequent and immediate feedback to teachers specific to the goals they have set for this year.
- On November 4, three teachers attended a Standards-based Assessment and Grading workshop led by Sue Nelson to further build the expertise at each school in the Archdiocese. These teachers have shared what was learned with the rest of the faculty at SKDS. This was very helpful as we prepared for 1st quarter report cards and conferences. The teachers of Specials: Art, Music, Band, Phy. Ed, Spanish attended an SBAG workshop on November 13, with Sue to address the specific challenges to assessing those curricular areas. Those teachers also found this very helpful.
- Grades 1 and 3 are piloting the i-Ready Assessment program through the BDUSD. Dona Turner and Megan Meyer are working with Stacey Hardesty, a first-grade teacher in the district. We were not able to pilot the Star 360 Assessment Program this year without substantial cost. However, the rep will come to meet with the faculty in February/March to demonstrate what the Star 360 Assessment can provide. Then we will be able to do some comparison between these two assessment programs. We will need to make a decision as to which assessment program SKDS would like to move forward with and I would like to do so no later than mid-April. These assessments would be done in addition to the ITBS Assessment that we do annually for grades 1-8.
- The Math Curriculum Committee of teachers has begun reviewing resources from various publishers in preparation for updating our Math resources for grades 5K-8 for the 2020-2021 school year. We are currently reviewing Ready Math, Bridges, Eureka, Sadlier Math, and Pearson Introduction. All of these programs are used in the Archdiocese and come with recommendations.
- The School Choice Audit was conducted by Huberty on November 4 & 5. Overall, it went very well! We do have a few things that we will need to bring into compliance. We have not yet received the final report from Huberty.
- Sarah O'Brion, Fr. Mike and Ms. Crombie met with Terry Brown and Carol Shires, from School Choice Wisconsin. Both Terry and Carol have been great assets on how to better promote School Choice at SKDS in addition to clarifying a number of questions. Terry will be coming to speak to the RE Families in early January about Choice and Tammy Olivas will be coming to speak to our Hispanic families during their RE session on December 8. They

will be providing materials and information for families which will hopefully result in additional Choice families for next year. I have also learned about another program called the Special Needs Scholarship Program. This is a scholarship program for students who have an active IEP. SKDS currently has 11 students with an IEP. Here is a link for more information. <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/special-needs-scholarship>

- SCRIP Tuition Credit update: Finance Committee approved to adopt the policy that 50% of the profit earned for buying SCRIP will be credited to the school family's tuition the following school year. The letter to families is finalized and will be going home to families on November 21.

Marketing: Mark Roedl was not able to attend. Ms. Crombie passed out the 1st draft of the marketing game plan for the 2019-2021 school years. Stewardship is a good time to look at people and their gifts.

Parish Council Liaison Report/Update: No report (At the last meeting, a large part of the conversation regarded the homeless shelter/convent.)

New Business:

- School Year Calendar Planning: BD Unified School District is moving Spring Break up a week to March 15th in 2021. This has not been approved yet by the School Board. There are only three days that the Archdiocese requires us to be off. Our calendar is due to the Arch by May 1st.
- Strategic Planning Committee formation: January 23rd at 6pm will be our first meeting. First step is to survey the school families and parish families. Form smaller committee to work on these questions. How many people do we want on this committee? How do we select the members? Include Annunciation and Sacred Heart? Send Angela Zwald names of potential members by November 26th.

A motion was made by Jennifer Nampel to adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm and seconded by Danielle Paul.

The next School Committee meeting is December 17, 2019.