

Guardian Angels Central Catholic

School Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

The Guardian Angels Central Catholic School Board met on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish rectory.

Leanne Ritter called the meeting to order.

Fr. James Weeder began the meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was taken. Board members present included: Matt Ridder, Leanne Ritter, Ryan Steffensmeier, Carmen Schlickbernd, Tracy Schwer, Dan Woodbury, Tom Hagedorn, and Ben Borgmann.

Board members not present: Jeff Timmerman and Mark Wooldrik

School Administration present: Justin Wardyn

School Organization Representative not present: Nikki Schmader (SPA) Shea Stokely (Booster Club)

Leanne asked all present to review June minutes. Carmen made the motion to approve the minutes.

Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Justin Steffensmeier with the Campaign committee. The campaign committee has lowered the goal to \$9 million. A rough draft for a flyer has been put together to have when talking with donors. The committee will be actively recruiting couples to help with meeting with members of the parish. The goal is to reach some of the bigger donors before the end of the year and early next year to meet with the rest of the parish families and alumni. The goal is to have 8 to 15 teams of people to meet with potential donors. The addition to the activity center is what is being taken out of the capital campaign. It is thought this is a longer-term goal. Also backed off the salary from \$5million to \$3million.

Booster club – Jay Run was a success. Approximately \$21,000 was raised.

Development – Nothing

SPA – Nothing

Facilities – Matt Ridder said the pipes in the Boiler in high school need to be replaced. The GA had another unit go down. Need to do something about that. The engineering firm is working on this. They have sent us 2 options to review. There were no numbers associated with the suggestions. Nate, from the engineering firm, indicated that if reused some of the pipes the warranty would be void. Fr. Weeder mentioned the bleachers on the SE end of the activity center need some work. They don't push in all the way. Matti is still looking into a folding wall.

Finance: Ryan presented the financials. Tracy made a motion to approve the financials.

Tom seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ryan mentioned the 2023-2024 budget column was finalized. Ryan would like to have that approved. Ryan made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget.

Matt seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Governance: Leanne mentioned they met with the endowment board and presented to them what the governance plan would look like moving forward. Also met with Vickie Kauffold a few weeks ago just to clarify some of the questions she and Fr. Weeder had discussed. Those changes have been updated for review by the committee. Vickie indicated once it is approved, by the parish council and school board, a letter needs to be sent to the Archdiocese with the documents with Fr. Weeder's signature, Leanne Ritter's signature, and the parish council president's signature requesting to transition into this plan. Vickie would then come train us and explain to us what our roles are moving forward so we do not step out of line. Fr. Weeder spoke about Article 4 and the Pastor would have veto power. There was discussion on whether or not the pastor should have veto power. The concern is being able to maintain our Catholic Identity. Ben suggested putting the wording in to accommodate the catholic identity but still keep the changes of the governance committee moving forward.

Teacher Excellence: This committee met just prior to the school board meeting. Had some teachers from both the high school and grade school present to present some ideas. It was discussed having a presence at the teacher fairs, and the lack of a custodian. Updating teacher needs weekly on the Teach Nebraska website. Revising it weekly keeps us at the top. Carmen talked about the teacher sign-on bonus, if we could make a motion. It was decided this was a discussion that needed to be between Fr. Weeder and Joyce Stalp and not this committee. Vickie mentioned when talking with Leanne, that the duties of the Teacher Excellence committee we listed overreached with what the president would do. She suggested strongly that we change it to take away the overreach. Then it would look like what SPA currently does and they concluded we will not need this committee once we have a president.

Communications: Ben said they have been working on things with Tina for the capital campaign. It still needs approval. He brought a rough draft for review. Ben asked if there are things he and Michelle need to get in front of to define this role/committee beyond the capital campaign. Tracy mentioned in the teacher excellence committee it was brought up a lack of communication between the 2 schools and if this was something that would fall under his committee. This is more of a role of the principals and not the communication committee. Justin said he and Paula are working on improving this communication. Ben was looking for more clarification on his committee and what it was designed to do. Leanne said right now its focus is the capital campaign.

Fr. Weeder. Jerome Steffen and Jim Neuwirth gave updates on the endowments and the history of the endowments.

Justin Wardyn. National Honor Society new members were picked and the induction ceremony will be October 26<sup>th</sup>. The math teachers are going through a curriculum pilot. They are reviewing them now to see what would be best moving forward. The School Loan Book bill was passed and that will help us offset the cost. A ballpark figure for changing the curriculum is a \$15k-\$20k rough estimate.

Fr. Weeder said First Friday mass will be all school and then following will be adoration.

Fr. Weeder led us in a closing prayer.

Matt made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Schwer