

Scotus Central Catholic Board of Education  
Meeting Minutes  
10/22/2020

Chris Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. Present: Fr. Mike Swanton, Fr. Joe Miksch, Tim Beaver, Dr. Scott Cameron, Mike Dreesen, Chris Hutchinson, Shannon Kosch, Jay Pelan, Clint Przymus and Kathy Steiner. Absent were: Fr. Ross Burkhalter, Lisa Kaslon. Also present: Jason Mielak, board member emeritus. Administrators present: Jeff Ohnoutka, President; Merlin Lahm, Activities Director/Asst. Principal Angie Rusher, Asst. Principal; and John Schueth, Development Director.

The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jay Pelan moved and Mike Dreesen seconded a motion to approve the agenda, and the motion carried. The 9/17/2020 meeting minutes were approved as read. Kathy Steiner moved and Shannon Kosch seconded a motion to excuse absent board members and the motion carried.

HANDOUTS – Athletic department financial report for 2019-2020 budget.

VISITOR RECOGNITION/CORRESPONDENCE/INTRODUCTIONS – Annie Sokol, representing STO.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (in addition to submitted printed reports in board packets)

Mr. Lahm reported that the first quarter is completed and in activities girls golf finished 9<sup>th</sup> at state with Cecilia Arndt finishing 9<sup>th</sup> individually, the cross country teams compete at state tomorrow, football is currently 4-4 and they play Lakeview tomorrow, volleyball is 11-12 and their subdistricts begin on Monday, softball finished 6-28 and in boys' tennis we had two Scotus students who went to state. Mike Dreesen asked for an explanation on how the drug testing program works at Scotus. Mr. Ohnoutka shared that students are randomly selected by a computer program, testing is conducted about five times a year by hospital staff, students cannot opt out of testing, only students involved in activities are tested, and the testing costs between \$8,000 and \$10,000 annually. Mr. Schueth updated his printed report offering that Scotus presently has 358 pledges or donations for SEF 16 totaling, \$934,252. He also shared that the schools endowed funds' market values have nearly recovered to their December 30, 2019 levels. Mr. Ohnoutka shared that department meetings are being conducted to determine class offerings for next year.

OLD BUSINESS      None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Catholicity Committee Report. Mr. Ohnoutka reported that Mass is offered in the chapel on Tuesdays and Fridays, Liturgy of the Hours on Wednesday and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Thursdays. For the Wednesday Rock Talk, grades 10-12 attend Mass together while grades 7-9 meet in their small groups and then the two sections rotate Mass and small groups the next week. 130 students attended the Respect Life Chain, and students are also actively involved in the 40 days for Life rosary. The seniors, 7<sup>th</sup> graders and sophomores have had their retreats, the freshmen have their retreat next week and the junior class retreat is normally in the spring. Fr. Walter is at Scotus every two weeks to offer confessions and to talk with students. The faculty continue to participate in the School of Faith program for faith development.
- B. COVID Update. Mr. Ohnoutka reported that the schools' response to the pandemic challenge is going relatively well. Some students have had to quarantine due to a parent testing positive and we haven't had any confirmed school transmissions. On an average day there are 10 students remote learning from home due to quarantine or waiting for test results, and 10 students reporting sick. It is expected that NSAA will be releasing guidelines for winter activities in a day or two.
- C. Facility Update. Mr. Ohnoutka shared that he is getting a second bid for possible installation of LED lighting in the classrooms. Loup Public Power will also conduct an energy audit to determine what the school might save in energy costs with LED lighting. Mr. Ohnoutka added that we need to know that the change in lighting will eventually pay for itself; and if not, the school may not seek to borrow funding to do the project.

- D. Athletic Department Financial Report. Mr. Lahm reviewed the 2019-2020 athletic financial report highlighting that basketball had a positive net income of \$2,032, and for the year the athletic department finished \$7,333.60 in the red. He added that it is the budget goal to break even each year but with soccer, track and boys golf cancelled, the department missed expected gate revenue and a few entry fees for those sports.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance Committee. Mr. Ohnoutka provided a review of the September financial reports for the Scotus general fund and cafeteria. For the school's general fund, Mr. Ohnoutka noted that year-to-date income is \$2,226 above budgeted expectations and expenses are \$8,219 below expectations. The cafeteria budget shows year-to-date net income \$37,762 below expectations but a late payment from the state of \$36,000 was posted after the report was printed. He noted that school lunches for every student will be paid by the government for the rest of the school year. Cafeteria expenses to date are \$13,528 below expectations. Fr. Joe moved and Clint Przymus seconded a motion to approve the general fund and cafeteria finance reports and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION      None

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting. The next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, November 19, 2020 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The finance committee meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.  
B. ACT Report.  
C. Enrollment Report.  
D. Climate Committee Report.

#### ROUNDTABLE

Announcements were made by board members.

Fr. Joe moved and Jay Pelan seconded a motion to adjourn and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Schueth