

Scotus Central Catholic Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
2/18/2021

Chris Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present: Fr. Joe Miksch, Fr. Mike Swanton, Tim Beaver, Dr. Scott Cameron, Mike Dreesen, Chris Hutchinson, Lisa Kaslon, Shannon Kosch, Jay Pelan, Clint Przymus and Kathy Steiner. Absent: Fr. Ross Burkhalter. Administrators present: Jeff Ohnoutka, President; and John Schueth, Development Director. Administrators absent: Merlin Lahm, Activities Director/Asst. Principal; Angie Rusher, Asst. Principal. Also absent: Jason Mielak, board member emeritus.

The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Dreesen moved and Tim Beaver seconded a motion to approve the agenda, and the motion carried. The 1/21/2021 meeting minutes were approved as read. Dr. Cameron moved and Lisa Kaslon seconded a motion to excuse absent board members and the motion carried.

HANDOUTS – none.

VISITOR RECOGNITION/CORRESPONDENCE/INTRODUCTIONS – Amy Sokol, representing St. Anthony Parish; Jane Dusel-Misfeldt, representing STO.

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

No report from Mr. Lahm. In addition to his printed report, Mr. Schueth shared that the current pledge total for SEF 16 is \$1,194,667 or approximately 94% of the goal. 26 of the 30 gala tables (each seating 8 guests) have been sold. Mr. Ohnoutka added to his report that there have been very few absences due to illness this month (only 3 students sick at home today) and from the start of the school year a total of about 12 students tested positive for COVID. Mr. Ohnoutka is also trying to work out a plan with East Central Health District to have the staffs of all four Catholic schools vaccinated on the same day and at one location. If the vaccination takes place on any other weekday besides Friday, the four schools will plan to take the next day off from classes.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Crisis Team Report. Mr. Ohnoutka provided a brief report for the Crisis Team, one of Scotus' school improvement committees. This committee deals with security issues, prepares a school crisis manual, conducts intruder drills and bus evacuation drills, and provides epi pen, cpr and defibrillator training for the staff. Dr. Cameron asked if glucagon training was provided and Mr. Ohnoutka did not know for sure and will look into it. The Nebraska Department of Education wants every school to follow the same template in crisis planning, and on March 16-17 it will provide zoom meeting training for every school crisis team. The state will also cover the cost of providing substitute teachers for those receiving the training. To reduce disruption of teaching at the Catholic elementary schools, the Scotus crisis team members will attend the training and then provide it to the elementary school staffs.
- B. ACT Report Class of 2020. Mr. Ohnoutka reported that the Class of 2020's composite score of 25.2 ranks 3rd all-time for class composites at Scotus. The 2020 Nebraska state average composite score was 19.9. Referencing the many staff changes that have taken place in the Mathematics department in recent years, Mr. Ohnoutka was impressed with the Class of 2020's Mathematics composite score of 25.6.
- C. EXECUTIVE SESSION Clint Przymus moved and Lisa Kaslon seconded a motion to go into executive session and the motion carried at 5:25 pm. Lisa Kaslon moved and Dr. Cameron seconded a motion to go out of executive session at 5:52 pm and the motion carried.
- D. Professional Contracts. Clint Przymus moved and Tim Beaver seconded a motion to offer contracts to the development director, assistant principal/activities director and all of the teachers for the 2021-2022 contract period. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee. Mr. Ohnoutka provided a review of the January financial reports for the Scotus general fund and cafeteria. For the school's general fund, Mr. Ohnoutka noted that year-to-date revenue is on target with budget expectations. Year-to-date expenses are \$46,993 to the good of the budget but the faculty's annual purchase of supplies is next month and bus expenses are trending higher than expected. On the income side, the cafeteria is \$36,904 behind expectations--but only because state reimbursements are arriving a month behind schedule. Mr. Ohnoutka will investigate whether other schools are having the same trouble with reimbursements. Year-to-date expenses for the cafeteria are \$33,290 to the good of the budget. Lisa Kaslon moved and Dr. Cameron seconded a motion to approve the general fund and cafeteria finance reports and the motion carried.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting. The next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, March 18, 2021 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The finance committee meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Facility Report.

ROUNDTABLE

Announcements were made by board members.

Fr. Joe moved and Kathy Steiner seconded a motion to adjourn and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Schueth