

**Guardian Angels Central Catholic
School Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

The Guardian Angels Central Catholic School Board met on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish Rectory.

Ryan Steffensmeier called the meeting to order.
Father Weeder began the meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was taken. Board members present included: Brenda Duhsman, Sue Kreikemeier, Justin Steffensmeier, Leanne Ritter, Ashley Strehle, Tom Hagedorn, Jeff Timmerman, Danelle Smith, Ryan Steffensmeier, Paula Peatrowsky, Kate Hagemann, and Father Weeder.

Board members not present: Ben/Michellel Borgemann

School Organization Representatives present: Paul & Jackie Ridder (Development Committee)

School Organization Representatives not present: Renee Schmid (SPA), Danelle Ehrisman (Booster Club)

Ryan Steffensmeier asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February minutes. Kate had a correction in the Principal's Report that the early dismissal on March 28th was at 2:30, rather than noon. Justin made the motion to approve the minutes and Danelle seconded the motion. The February 2022 minutes were unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Booster Club: No report given.

SPA: Paula gave the SPA report. March 18 will be the Junior High dance. Spa will sponsor the end-of-year luncheon for the teachers.

Development Committee: Paul and Jackie met with Tim Stalp to see if he would be interested in supporting the teachers' salary increases. He was very interested. Paula has asked Donna to prepare the 5 year and 10 year projections for the salary increases which will be ready for the next meeting. She has talked to Joyce Stalp about the financial needs for salary and Joyce seemed very excited.

Facilities Committee: Tom Hagedorn reported that the north steps on GA are crumbling and the bell tower on GA is rotting. He will have people look into both problems for a remedy proposal.

Finance Committee: Justin Steffensmeier gave an update. No changes/additions made to the report. GA is on budget. High School is now seeing a deficit and starting to pull from the endowment. Sue made the motion to approve, and Ashley seconded. The finance report was approved unanimously.

School Board President's Report: Contracts were sent out last week. Father mentioned possibly sending contracts out earlier next year to get ahead of the hiring pool. The board agreed this would be a good idea. Father has talked with Mr. McAndrews weekly.

Old Business: None

New Business: Jason Folkers, Athletic Director spoke about offering cross-country as a sport next year. The Booster Club approved adding cross country. Jason visited with Kate about it in November, 2021, where they decided to do a survey of junior high and high school kids. Jason did a Google Pole on January 7 with all 7th-11th grade students; of which, 19 were "yes" and 14 were "maybe". Out of the 19 "yes", 10 of them are junior high kids. The kids interested do not appear to be kids who will affect any of the other spring sports. The initial fee to NSAA would be \$150 at the beginning of the school year plus the compensation for a coach (\$2500-\$3000). Each meet will cost \$90-\$100 for each team of 5+ girls and 5+ boys. If we don't have a team of 5 the entry fee would be \$15-\$20 per participant. The team(s) could enter as many as 2 meets per week throughout the season.

West Point-Beemer approached Jason about co-oping the sport. If we participate as GACC, we'd likely be Class C. If we participate with West Point-Beemer, we'd likely be Class B. If we co-op, we'd need new uniforms since we'd need to be a unique team name and color. If we stay as GACC, we'd use our track uniforms and not have that additional expense.

The topic was tabled until next meeting.

School Principal's Report (Paula):

- A resource teacher is needed. Our current teacher is relocating further than economical commuting distance.
- An art teacher is needed. Our current teacher is leaving due to the commute and feeling isolated from other teachers being in the activities building.
- We need to hire someone to fill Nadine Peatrowsky's position.
- The December school board meeting date will need to be changed due to the Christmas program being on that day.
- To date, there are 28 kids enrolled in Preschool and 34 enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten.
- The school musical performances will be April 22-24.
- July 5-21, Mondays thru Thursdays will be summer school. Cost will be \$65 per session.

School Principal's Report (Kate):

- Pam Schlickbernd is retiring as our Spanish teacher. We will be looking into online Spanish courses. Our students are required (our school rule) to have 2 years of Spanish prior to graduating. This is the minimum requirement for most universities also.

Executive Session: The board went into executive session. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Leanne Ritter

Executive Session Notes:

Discussion was had about a proposal presented by Mark Schlickbernd and Jerome Steffen to Northstar employees about the possible acquisition of the Northstar building by St Mary's. This proposal had not been approved by the Parish Council or School Board. The proposal was for St Mary's to purchase the building for \$800,000 and deed one lot that the parish owned and another lot which was to be donated to the parish to Northstar. These lots are located to the south of the auditorium, one is used for student parking and the other had a house which would be raised. The proposal of including our south parking lot as part of the transaction was not favored by many people in the room and starting at \$800,000 as the initial cash offer was more than most would have wanted to start with.

Leanne made a motion to disregard the proposal as presented to NorthStar, but to continue negotiations with them through the school board and parish council. Tom Hagedorn seconded. There was further discussion as to the clarity of the motion and a vote was not taken.

It was then discussed that since an offer was already given to them, whether it was approved by the Parish Council and School Board or not, we couldn't offer them less because they would not accept less. Justin Steffensmeier made a motion to move forward with the offer as presented to NorthStar by Mark Schlickbernd and Jerome Steffen. After a long silence and lack of a second, Ryan Steffensmeier made the second so it could go to a vote. A silent vote of the School Board members only was taken. The motion carried, 5-4.