

**Guardian Angels Central Catholic
School Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 13, 2022**

The Guardian Angels Central Catholic School Board met on Wednesday, April 13, 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, Ben Borgemann, Jeff Timmerman, Danelle Smith, Ryan Steffensmeier, Paula Peatrowsky, Kate Hagemann, and Father Weeder.

Board members not present: Tom Hagedorn

School Organization Representatives present: Paul & Jackie Ridder (Development Committee), Danelle Ehrisman (Booster Club)

School Organization Representatives not present: Renee Schmid (SPA)

Ryan Steffensmeier asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March minutes. Justin made the motion to approve the minutes and Sue seconded the motion. The March 2022 minutes were unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Booster Club: Danelle Ehrisman gave the booster club report. In March they hosted the steak supper and the alumni tournament. Bingo night is coming up where the side-by-side winner will be drawn. They recently purchased new volleyball jerseys which were donated by the volleyball parents. Football jerseys have been purchased for a total of \$9000 of which \$5400 was donated. Girls' basketball jerseys will be the next ones to purchase. There is \$2000 left to raise to be able to purchase a new wrestling mat. Gym repairs needed are the padding on stage and updating the padding on the walls in the new gym. The metal part of the bleachers in the student section has come apart. Not sure what kind of repair will be needed for that. There is no one at this time stepping up to be President. Danelle is done in May and was wondering the school board's thoughts if no one steps up to be the President. No decision was made about the future of the Booster Club.

Development Committee: Paul Ridder had no comments.

SPA: Paula gave the SPA report. Junior High dance had a good attendance. Upcoming events is the teachers' end of school luncheon.

Facilities Committee: Jeff Timmerman gave an update. The steps on the north of the GA school need to be replaced. More investigation needs to be done to see what work will need to be done.

Finance Committee: Justin Steffensmeier gave an update. No changes/additions made to the report. GA is on budget. High School has a deficit of \$40,000 and pulling from the endowment. Danelle made the motion to approve, and Jeff seconded. The finance report was approved unanimously.

New Business: Kate reported that there is a second round of EANS money out there. Through EANS 1, the high school received \$82,826 which has been spent or allocated. Kate just completed the applications for EANS 2 for the high school and the elementary. The amount will be known by the end of April. There are only certain things the money can be spent on. A lot of EANS 1 money was spent on technology. May possibly be able to spend it on curriculum as long as we can show how it's related to covid.

Staffing: Highschool hired Josh Batenhorst as the AD and head wrestling coach. He has an ag degree. We currently do not have an ag program; however, it may be something we want to offer in the near future. Leanne, Danelle, and Ashley sat in on his interview.

A Spanish teacher is still needed. We're currently looking into an online program that other schools in the Archdiocese have used. Spanish 1 & 2 is all that is offered through this program. To provide these 2 options for our students, the cost would be about \$21,000. Other options were in the \$50,000 range. For the students interested in Spanish 3 & 4, there may be other online options. We may also talk to the public school to see how our schedules will work out if it could be an option to send our students there for Spanish 3 & 4.

An art teacher is still needed. We don't have any applicants for this position yet. We may need help from other teachers to sit in on some art classes. Leslie Kreikemeier is thinking of only offering 1 class of art for the high school.

Gene French has retired. Kate will cover Gene's classes since she will be transitioned out of the principal role, so an additional hire to replace him is not necessary.

Paula reported that we're looking to hire a resource teacher in the elementary school. Michelle Ulrich as the 1st grade teacher has resigned, so we'll need to hire that position as well. We also have 2 teacher-aid positions open.

Paula and staff are working on a social studies adoption at the elementary level. Impact Social Studies has been determined by our teachers to be the best route. It comes in a K-5 series and an additional 4th grade series would have to be purchased due to 4th grade being dedicated to just Nebraska. The price is approximately \$18,000 for the social studies adoptions and \$2,300 for the extra 4th grade series. Paula plans to use some of the EANS money from the first round to cover part of it and Joyce Stalp also offered to help pay for some of the curriculum.

The joint high school musical is going well. They will perform on April 22, 23 and 24.

Second graders go to the Rose Theatre on the 22nd and to Trinity Heights on the 29th.

The Spring band concert is April 21 at 9:00.

Kate handed out an updated budget that includes the raises.

Finance Update: Jerome Steffen updated the board on the finances. The Ben Stalp estate will be coming to the schools in the near future. There should be about \$150,000 available to go to the 2 schools. The Lubbert estate should be closed within the next 6 weeks and will go toward the schools and church. He is projecting the Lubbert proceeds to generate 6% interest which would equate to approximately \$130,000 per year.

There is a separate committee that is in charge of the Ben Stalp estate. The committee is set up that 1 member of the endowment board will be on the committee. The committee is made up of Father Weeder, Al Wordekemper, Marvin Gentrup, Jim Nieworth, and Pat Knobbe (endowment president). As members get off the committee, they will need to find their replacement and that replacement will have to be approved by the remaining committee members. All proceeds that come in from the ground will only be able to be spent as the committee agrees. The schools will need to apply to the committee to be able to spend that money. If the board doesn't approve on what the school wants to spend the money on, they won't give out the money.

The land is rented until 2023 and then will go out for bids for the 2024 crop season. The ground by Tekamah is set up with an energy company for a 25-year lease for solar panels.

Mike Bailey informed Jerome Steffen that he was working on Father Frank's estate and that he remembered St. Marys in his will. That amount will be approximately \$75,000 coming from Father Frank.

Dave Baumert joined our meeting to discuss the increase in teachers' salaries. Dave has \$125,000 that has been made available to Father to use for salaries. Sustainability is a concern. We need to come up with a projection, so we know how much money we'll need every year if we increase the salaries. Dave would like to know what the plan is as soon as possible.

Old Business:

Jeff made a motion to approve cross country contingent on being able to hire a coach; Justin seconded. The plan will be to look internally for a coach. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mark Svec will be retiring as the golf coach. We'll need to hire for this position but haven't begun the process.

NorthStar update: There is no update until the NorthStar board meets on April 22. They will determine if they are in favor of the concept of selling their building and building themselves a new one on our lots. There is no timeframe if this is not approved at the April 22 meeting.

We closed with a prayer. Brenda made a motion to close the meeting and Danelle seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Leanne Ritter