

**Guardian Angels Central Catholic
School Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 18, 2022**

The Guardian Angels Central Catholic School Board met on Wednesday, May 18, 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, Tom Hagedorn, Danelle Smith, Ryan Steffensmeier, Paula Peatrowsky, Kate Hagemann, and Father Weeder.

Board members not present: Jeff Timmerman

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

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

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

Committee Reports

Booster Club: Kate reported that there was no update. Booster Club canceled their meeting due to too many other school activities that evening.

SPA: Paula gave the SPA report. Aliza Brunsing will be the new president. The calendar for the SPA activities has discussed amongst Paula, Aliza, and Renee for the 2022-23 school year.

Facilities Committee: Tom Hagedorn gave an update. He talked to Mark Schlickbernd about doing measurements of the roof, soffits, and gutters on the Activities Building and on the Convent. Mark asked what our budget for these projects was. There will be some insurance claims on some of these.

Finance Committee: Justin Steffensmeier gave an update. No changes/additions made to the report. Actual finances will be very close to what was budgeted for the school year. Tom Hagedorn made a motion to approve the finance report; Ashley seconded. The finance report was approved unanimously.

Father's Report: Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong attended this board meeting as a representative of Parish Council. Father would like a representative from the School Board and a representative from the Parish Council to attend each other's meetings for consistency of messaging.

Dave Baumert was also in attendance to discuss teachers' compensation. He proposed that he could find 30-40 people to sign a pledge that they would pay \$5000 per year for 6 years toward the budget for salaries. Payments

would be due August 15. Dave would be the one to make sure the money is coming in and be responsible for making the phone calls to the donors. He also has a gentleman willing to donate \$100,000 if we can show him 30 signatures. He wanted a decision tonight, whether to move forward or stop. He asked for School Board permission. It was decided that Dave's plan was a good start; however, we need to come up with a plan of what we need to sustain the budget with the teacher increase. Dave agrees that he will wait until there is a plan for how much money we need and how we will solicit donations. Father wants to form a subcommittee to discuss the campaign and report back to the School Board. The subcommittee will consist of Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Ryan Steffensmeier, Paul Ridder, Tyson Dinslage, Justin Steffensmeier, and Father.

Kate's Report: We graduated 32 this year. Awards night went well. New high school staff members are Josh Batenhorst as an Ag Teacher, Wrestling Coach, and AD and Morgan Christiansen as an English teacher. We have not hired an Art teacher so we will be dividing up the art class between existing teachers. We have not hired a Spanish teacher, so are looking into an online class that Mr. Folkers will help proctor. We'll need to hire a secretary to replace Lori Franzluebbers and Donna Meister. Novia Kaup will be the cross-country coach. We still need to hire a golf coach.

Paula's Report: Since we haven't hired an art teacher, the elementary art class will go back to the individual teachers to teach. There have been no applications for resource teachers. Kim Knobbe will cover as much as needed/possible. There have been no applications for the 1st grade teacher. Ashley Prinz is willing to teach a combined 1st grade class. We're looking for paras. Wendy Wooldrik will help start off the year, but would like to spend more time farming with her husband. Para wages was discussed as being the main reason we have not been able to hire any paras.

Leanne made a motion to increase the para pay scale up to \$3/hr as necessary when negotiating the para positions. Ben seconded.

The terms for Brenda Duhsmann and Sue Kreikemeier will expire this year and Matt Ridder and Janelle Nebuda will replace them.

We closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Leanne Ritter