

## **Guardian Angels Central Catholic**

### **School Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

The Guardian Angels Central Catholic School Board met on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish rectory.

Before the meeting began, thank you cards, food, and beverages were provided by teachers in appreciation to the school board and donors for teacher wage increases.

LeAnn Ritter called the meeting to order.

Father Weeder began the meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was taken. Board members present included: Janelle Nebuda, Matt Ridder, LeAnn Ritter, Danelle Smith, Ryan Steffensmeier, Ashley Strehle, Justin Steffensmeier, Michelle Borgmann, and Jeff Timmerman

Board members not present: Tom Hagedorn

School Administration present: Father Weeder, John McAndrews, and Paula Peatrowsky

School Organization Representatives Present: none

School Organization Representatives not present: Aliza Brunsing (SPA), Paul Ridder (Development Committee) and Booster Club representative

LeAnn asked all present to review the November minutes. Ryan made a motion to approve the November minutes. Ashley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports

Booster Club: \$125 Booster Club dinner coming up.

Development Committee: no report

SPA: no report

Facilities Committee: no report

Finance Committee: Justin reported that the budget is on track through December. Ashley made a motion to approve the December budget. Danelle seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Father reported the \$750,000 that was to be moved to a CD did not happen because the interim account is titled in both the school's name as well as St. Mary's Parish. Therefore, Father would like the Parish Finance Council to also approve moving the money into a CD. Also, Father stated that some of the capital gains and dividends would not be received if the money was moved before the end of 2022. Mike Bailey reported to Father that Hank Stalp invested in stocks and therefore would be ok with the money staying in the market. The school board finance committee still feels the \$750,000 should be put into a CD.

Presidents report: Father stated he would like us to do a feasibility study to get the communities input on our school system. Father received a bid of \$14,000 from Our Sunday Visitor to do the study. Father has been through this at another parish with this company. The study should last 8 to 10 weeks.

Discussion followed as to the difference between a feasibility study and a strategic planning process. The strategic planning process would be an “umbrella” study covering the whole school system where the feasibility study would be financially focused.

New business: Catholic schools week is coming up. There will be a full week of activities. There will hopefully be a vocations panel. Dairy Queen will donate a portion of sales to GACC that week. In the first term, John reported there were 100 students who made the honor roll. Several students scored over a 30 on the ACT. High school Mass will now start at 2:50. There are plenty of athletics going on. The school improvement planning is ongoing with questions for the board members in February. John would like us to look into a strategic planning company that has worked with other Catholic schools in the archdiocese.

Paula stated that letters of intent went out to teachers and are due back at the end of this week. Open positions can then be posted next week. First Reconciliation is January 18. Pre-school and Pre-K information night is January 25. The elementary school also has plenty of activities for Catholic Schools Week.

Paula asked about tuition and early childhood education center rates for the next year due to the upcoming information night. This led to a discussion about pre-school, ecec, and pre-k rates. The general consensus was to increase ecec to \$10 a day and increase pre-school and pre-k rates by 2%. Discussion continued on what other Catholic schools charge for tuition. Father recited rates from other rural Catholic schools for the 21-22 school year.

The next meeting is February 15, 2023.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer.

Ryan made a motion to adjourn. Michelle seconded the motion. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Ridder