

Guardian Angels Central Catholic

School Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

The Guardian Angels Central Catholic School Board met on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish rectory.

LeAnn Ritter called the meeting to order.

Father Weeder began the meeting with a prayer.

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

Board members not present:

School Administration present: Father Weeder, John McAndrews

School Administration not present: Paula Peatrowsky

School Organization Representatives Present: Paul Ridder (Development Committee)

School Organization Representatives not present: Aliza Brunsing (SPA) and a Booster Club representative

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

Committee Reports

Booster Club: Steak meals tomorrow.

Development Committee: Paul does not believe we should have Hank Stalp money in the stock market. Also, as a community, we have one school system represented by a school board with members from our different parishes.

SPA: no report

Facilities Committee: Tom noticed the retaining wall in the school parking lot is falling in. Father stated the parish council is taking care of this.

Finance Committee: Justin stated that the budget looked on track. Father moved \$365,000 of the interim account money into three CDs with rates over 5% with maturities of 6, 9, and 12 months. Ryan made a motion to approve the January budget. Jeff seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Father reported that with the Journey of Faith, school governance will not change. The school by-laws should be updated since the current by-laws are only for Central Catholic. School board nominations should take place now. Justin found Dan Woodbury to take his spot. Ryan stated he called all who ran last year, and that they were willing to run again. Danelle suggested putting a notice in the bulletin asking for nominations. LeAnn talked to Jeff Ohnoutka, principal of Scotus High School. The Columbus Catholic schools have been going through changes related to the Journey of Faith. Jeff has offered to come and talk us to share their story of how the schools are changing governance and administration.

After discussion, LeAnn asked if a committee could be formed to meet with Jeff. Father, LeAnn, Ryan, and Matt agreed to meet with Jeff.

Father also stated that North Star voted not to move forward with the plan of swapping their building for a new one we would build for them. We are good for space for next year, however we should still look for options going forward. A facility assessment and master plan would cost \$35,000. Jackson and Jackson started something like this a few years ago, but this stalled because committees were going in different directions.

John reported that Susan Foley has been hired as a steam teacher, Matt Jansen has been hired as a math teacher, and Tanya Oligmueller has been hired as a music teacher. We are still looking for a Jr. High English teacher, Special Education teacher, and a Spanish teacher. At the Elementary school, we are still looking for an upper elementary school teacher and a pre-school teacher.

The board was presented the school calendar for next year. Danelle made a motion to approve the calendar. Michelle seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

3rd quarter ended with 93 students in 7-12 grades making honor roll.

For John's position, a hiring committee will be formed. Father, LeAnn, and Paula will be on it. Also, some teachers, like Matt Schlaebitz and Josh Batenhorst, along with Joyce Stalp will be asked. Vicki, our Archdiocesan Superintendent, will be involved.

Danelle asked about our pre-school teacher vacancy with the possibility of it staying vacant. Others had heard that Paula was working on contingencies.

Discussion took place in regards to making sure donations are given and accepted with clarity.

The feasibility study has begun with interviews with administration. The face to face interviews will begin shortly.

The next meeting is April 19, 2023.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer.

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

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Ridder