St. Mary Catholic Schools

Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 6:30 pm

Present: Kathleen Healy Osland, Steve Pable, Brian Rosiejka, Ron Steffen, Dan Engelhard, Lori Vegso, Pat Breen, Paul Seveska, Mary Krueger, Kristen Bergstrom, Helen Englebert, Dustin McClone

Pat Batey, Jeanne Lee, Gary Elmer, Charlene Brumbeloe, Bob Mittelstadt (sp?)

Called to order by Chair Healy Osland at 6:33 pm

Prayer led by Chair Healy Osland

No one present for Open Forum

President’s report

-President Englebert gave highlights of the report. She had generated update enrollment numbers for 2019-20. Generally positive, with an expectation that we should meet 2018-19 numbers, and the possibility of meeting the goal of 868.

-highlights of some success stories going on with fun events, but really encouraging referrals and invitations among existing SMCS families. That is our single most effective way to reach new families.

-there weren’t too many over-arching issues that families / students seemed to point to that led them to choose a different school. Several different reasons cited (a couple of tennis, some basketball, one a charter school, one a STEM program, etc.)

-likewise not any major trend in those who did choose to enroll (giving reasons). Some growth from Hortonville & Greenville area. Still have been fighting the trend of not retaining as many as we feel we should from our feeder schools.

-board members asked a number of helpful clarifying questions.

Moved into Consent Resolution Agenda

-one amendment – there was no update to the committee dashboard.

Amended consent agenda – member Vegso moved that it be passed, member Seveska seconded

-Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Dan Engelhard gave an update on the SMCS Foundation progress

-St. Mary Central Educational Trust Trustees – met on

- They gave their approval to transferring the trust dollars into the foundation provided it does not trigger an audit.

-Has been more progress on the transfer, getting questions answered, etc.

-Foundation board is still finishing the Gift Acceptance Policy.

-The foundation and school gift acceptance policies may be a little different

-final version will also go to the BOT Finance Committee so they are kept aware of it.

Charlene Brumbeloe presented on the Parish Investment Project

-She facilitated three conference calls, Sun., Mon., Tues. that some Board members were able to participate in. This provided good preparation for our conversation at the meeting.

-The contention is that the current model is not working, in the sense that the expected investment has been unable to be met under the formula.

-there is a connection between the financial piece and the relationship piece, i.e. when there is not the growth that we hope for in parishes and in the system, it can lead to a deterioration of the relationship between the parishes and the school.

-not doing anything about the issue – even if purely from an investment standpoint – is a decision also.

New Business

Discussion of Sister Act – conversation with a parent of one of the actors – spoke to Mary Krueger, Steve Pable, Fr. Larry Seidl.

-there was also a letter sent to Patti Fouts, and a meeting with Helen.

-the leadership team (Principal group) met and had productive discussion

-ultimately the system doesn’t want things that make unnecessary waves. The plan is to implement some form of oversight, including input from staff, possibly student, parent, a priest or someone with spiritual expertise, and someone with artistic expertise. This would apply not just to drama/theatre, but to all performances.

American Legion summer baseball program – they have requested to use the SMCS Zephyrs’ Logo and name for their team.

The athletic committee unanimously supported their use of the name and logo.

Participants on the team are students at SMCHS; the board felt that the use of the name and logo should always be subject to the team members’ adherence to the athletic policies and code of conduct.

Do you have any individuals who would be interested and a good fit for the Board of Trustees? The Governance Committee goes through a vetting process. They follow up on every lead. PLEASE submit them to Paul Seveska or Phil Kerwin.

Move to adjourn into Executive Session by member Seveska

Seconded by member Engelhard.

At 8:13 pm.

Motion to come out of executive session – Paul Seveska

Second – Kristen Bergstrom

Passed unanimously

At 9:23 pm

Motion to Adjourn – Paul Seveska

Second – Kristen Bergstrom

Passed unanimously

At 9:23 pm