

SMCS Board of Trustees – Meeting Minutes

Meeting held March 16, 2022

Mission: Preparing and inspiring students to lead meaningful lives, rooted in the teachings of Christ, in our Catholic tradition.

Attendance:

Present: Daniel McKenna, Phil Kerwin, Bryan Rosiejka, Dr David DeWitt, William Bittner, Leila Mousai, Steve Pable, Lori Vegso, Ron Schreier, Paul Seveska, Ron Steffen

Missing: Fr. Dennis Bergsbaken, Fr Michael Lighter, Fr. Jude Egbuna, Terry Jack, Fr Bob Kollath

Guests: Ashley Luntz

BOT MEETING START TIME: 6:34 PM

Opening Prayer: Phil Kerwin

MOTION:

Ron Steffen moved to allow the March meeting of the SMCS Board of Trustees to be conducted both in person and via video conference and teleconference, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in the Constitution or any By-Laws.

- Second by Dr David DeWitt
- Call to vote – unanimous
- Motion carried.

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- Ron Steffen moved to accept the February BOT meeting minutes
- Second by Dr David DeWitt
- Call to vote – unanimous
- Motion carried

OPEN FORUM

No open forum, Ashley here as a guest

SUPERINTENDANT REPORT – Dan McKenna

- Dan review of Board meeting with Bishop Ricken
 - Endowment campaign mentioned, hold off until 1 by 1 is over
 - Ask for a waiver to start in January 2023
- Enrollment update
 - 948 students
 - 883 could come back
 - Trying to keep retention rate at about 90%
 - Know 22 are not coming back

- 6th graders are not coming to SMCHS
 - Trying to keep 8th graders
 - Potential 947 students based on new students and loss
 - Looking good for next school year
 - Need referrals to keep coming
- Paul mentioned there was no update in the packet on the grade school principal change
- Budget for next year assumes growth (974 students)
- No feedback on auto enrollment (seems good)
 - Some people who opt out may opt back in and vice versa
 - There is an exit conversation on students who opt out
- Hired Martha as a coordinator to target Spanish families
- Finances should never be a reason to not come to SMCS
- Many new bilingual staff been hired
- Servers crashed (not malicious)
 - One back up
 - No back up servers – may be an issue with lost information
 - How can we not have back up servers, will likely get computers for back up purposes
 - More important than ever to have internet and computer systems
- Administering WI forward exam this spring
 - How are we doing in all the core areas and how do we compare to other schools in the area?
 - Good use of time to get the data
 - MAP test has less subjects than the Forward Exam
- Covid
 - Numbers down, below 3% of Wisconsinites
 - Some indicators look to show a potential increase in cases
 - Continue to pay attention to numbers
 - CDC did sampling, Wisconsin has highest level of covid cases. Means we have more immunity in the future
- Finance committee update
 - Prepared by Kristin Bergstrom
 - Snapshot in time of finances
 - Foot notes in to show commentaries
 - November 2020 last draw from Miller fund
 - Strong Miller fund
 - Getting strong return on market
 - PPP funds improved cash position
 - April \$425,000 payment from WI for choice program
 - Expecting \$250,000 more than what have to date from Zephyrfest
 - Cash position is very strong
 - EANS funds received
 - Finance committee minutes sent out

- Kristin Bergstrom doing a great job
- Focus on making sure payables are paid on time
- March financials won't be available until May
- Dan to comment on status of position
- Lori Vegso distributed dashboard
 - Bryan Rosiejka mentioned everyone is doing a great job keeping up with goals on dashboard
- Governance update
 - Got a good table of contents for handbook
 - Will get circulated next month
 - Size of board acceptable
 - Term limits discussed
 - Decided to maintain 3 year terms and 2 consecutive terms
 - As new members are brought on, try to get them on a committee and/or executive committee
 - Not ready to vote on yet
 - Active governance year
 - Paul to send a list of potential list of new board members
 - Always on the lookout for new candidates
 - Pastoral leadership involvement, also on board of directors
 - Pastoral leaders should be asked if they want to be on the BOT
 - Will take any off that do not want to be part of the BOT

OLD BUSINESS

- No old business

NEW BUSINESS

- Board of directors meeting
 - Bishop did reach out to let us know we should have a more balanced BOT
 - Mentioned we are working to balance out board members
 - Bishop read our mission statement at the board of directors meeting
 - Bryan felt Bishop seemed very good about our school/board
- Any other new business?
 - Bryan mentioned 3 VEX teams qualified for world Vex tournaments
 - Leela mentioned good portion of teams also were in the musical
 - Students are allowed to work around other extracurriculars
 - Shouldn't scold students to be in all practices
 - Packed Fine Arts center
 - Matt sent out letter to make sure all students have opportunity to enjoy multiple sports

MOTION

- Leila Mousai moved to begin an executive session with Dan McKenna as a guest for a portion of the session.
- Second by Ron Schreier
- Call to vote – unanimous
- Motion carried

MOTION

- Dr David DeWitt moved to end the executive session
- Second by Ron Schreier
- Call to vote – unanimous
- Motion carried

Closing Prayer: Phil Kerwin

- Ron Schreier moved to end the BOT meeting
- Second by Lori Vegso
- Call to vote – unanimous
- Motion carried

Meeting ended at 8:28 PM