

## SMCS Board of Trustees – Meeting Minutes

Meeting held May 19, 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, Fr Bob Kollath, Fr Michael Lighter

Missing: Terry Jack, Fr. Dennis Bergsbaken, Fr. Jude Egbuna

Guests: Matt Schoultz

BOT MEETING START TIME: 6:30 PM

Opening Prayer: Phil Kerwin

MOTION:

Ron Steffen moved to allow the May 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 April BOT meeting minutes
- Second by Ron Schrier
- Call to vote – unanimous
- Motion carried

OPEN FORUM

- No open forum

Matt Schoultz discussion on returning to 11-man football

- 2024 fall earliest to get back into 11-man football
  - No other school wants to switch
  - Need full approval to get back in
  - The CWC league is short on teams and may allow SMC in
    - Positive feedback for introduction in fall of 2024
    - Need to send in an application by Oct of 2022
    - Not eligible for playoffs in the current league
    - May try an 11-man playoff in 2023 as transition

- Number of players has increase dramatically
  - Likely over 50 in program on the team, so 11-man would be preferable
  - Co-op with the New Hope Christian Academy good for one more year. May leave on their own since they may have 20 by themselves
  - Matt feels ready to transition to 11-man
  - Lots of change for a successful team
  - About 35 needed for an 11-man team
  - Last year we played two 11-man games
  - Will play at least one game this year
  - A lot of progress has been made and Matt is confident we can support a successful 11-man team.
  - Would be in the large CWC team conference
  - Some concern by the conference that we are recruiting students for sports.
- Phil Kerwin motion to initiate process to move back to 11-man
- Ron Schreier second
- Approved
- Superintendent report
  - Highlighted from report
  - Realignment of elementary school principals
    - Dan has been contacting or had contact with concerned individuals
    - Some teachers have resigned due to change
    - 5 directly due to change, 3 more for other reasons
    - Support other visions and will let go
    - Good moral amongst the remaining staff
    - Lots of energy at St. Mary's
    - No children involved in support or not of change
    - Been gaining higher quality staff to replace lost staff
      - Most candidates are Catholic
      - A lot of transition from public schools.
    - Anna is very good, Dan is very happy with her
    - Some candidates were recommended by current staff
    - One by one campaign used to level the teacher salary
    - Some rumblings that we are spending more on facilities than teachers
      - Donors invest in facilities and not as much on teachers
    - Teachers usually more satisfied in the private schools versus public
    - July 1 is start date for 22/23 school year.
    - Current projection is 964, started at 949, not finished
      - Likely more students will be coming
      - Net grow before the start of the school yar
      - Estimating 975
      - Budget based on 974
      - Choice and high school heavy

- Better retention of 8<sup>th</sup> graders this year
- Summer camp registration is good
  - There are electives available for camp
- Annual fund budget was met
- Zephyrfest budget was amazing also
- Received a Shippek fund distribution for another \$100,000
  - Computer crash will likely use all of the Shippek fund distribution for preventative measures for servers and routers
  - First infrastructure is likely the first failure, had been bandaging for quite a while
  - Need to support all technologies with new system
  - Router is the bottle neck and second is servers
  - Uninterruptable power supply to allow for enough time to shut down all systems. Old system only had a 10 min backup capability. Now we will have enough time to shut everything down
    - Phil to find out exactly how much time there is
  - Local network storage, expandable to 192 tera bytes
    - Cloud storage also being used
    - About \$15,000 of server upgrade for regular service
    - Next step is to budget out costs to maintain all.
  - Need to discuss this further to assure minimum chance of reoccurrence
    - May need to outsource
    - Has there been a report sent out on the full impact of the shutdown? That way we will know what the potential change may be
- Finance committee
  - Clarify comments in finance committee report questions
    - Director of business services has been filled
    - Can't use formal system to generate reports
      - Transitioning to black baud
      - Jamie has the experience to use this
        - That was lost with her
    - Parental choice program on track/budget
      - Heavier mix of high school students
      - May have more funds available, since some families that had been using donations can apply for Choice
    - Kristin felt obligated to show movement of money to markets that will make the school money versus just sitting there
    - Bill has done a great job at managing the finance committee
    - Kirsten has done a great job covering for Jamie
  - Committee reports are available for review
    - Get strategic plan ready
    - Finishing charters
    - Work to do yet, Bill is working on

- Old business
  - Governance committee
    - Proposal for new BOT team members and Executive committee members
      - Members looked at will be part of a committee
      - Completing new evaluations
      - Bryan has done great job completing those evaluations
      - Bryan is leaving the exec committee
      - Leila Mousai to be vice chair

#### OLD BUSINESS

- No old business

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Board has not attended graduation
- BOT event 'Hail and Farewell' for members and family
- Appreciation for staff
  - Breakfast next week or week after
  - Steve will coordinate

#### MOTION

- Ron Schrier moved to begin executive session
- Second by Steve Pable
- Call to vote – unanimous
- Motion carried

#### MOTION

- Ron Schreier moved to end the executive session
- Second by Fr Michael Lighter
- Call to vote – unanimous
- Motion carried

#### Closing Prayer: Phil Kerwin

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

Meeting ended at 8:35 PM