

SMCS Board of Trustees – Meeting Minutes

Meeting held December 21, 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, Ron Schreier, Ron Steffen, Meghan Healy, Mary Krueger, Fr Bob Kollath, Fr. Judah Pigon, Kristen Bergstrom

Missing: Fr Michael Lightner, Terry Jack, Fr Nonito Barra

Guests: No guests

BOT MEETING START TIME: 6:30 PM

Opening Prayer: Bill Bittner

MOTION:

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- Ron Steffen moved to accept the November BOT meeting minutes as amended in discussion
- Second by Ron Schreier
- Call to vote – unanimous
- Motion carried

OPEN FORUM

- For DPI School Choice program
 - Letters sent out
 - No response to open forum request
 - Guests are always welcome to attend and observe, however Stephanie Homberg (?) needs a heads up from guests, if they intend on speaking at the meeting

SUPERINTENDANT REPORT

- Not much change in enrollment
 - Lost a couple of students
 - Likely to pick up a couple over the winter break
 - In packet enrollment is at 986
 - What grade levels that students are in is important
 - For teacher needs
 - So we are staffed appropriately
 - New office just got moved into
 - Well laid out
 - Lunch to celebrate
 - Seems very siloed before

- Now the team is closer together
- Will be reaching out to the leaders (John Bergstrom/Miron) of the project to thank them
- St Margaret Mary is bidding out to redo the fob system
 - Software has obsolesced out
 - Would prefer to make all the fobs the same for the whole system
- Engaged with third party to assess technology
 - Started this week
 - Will be here for a couple weeks
 - Initial report is network is worse case practice
 - Not working correctly
 - Will report back as the assessment is complete
 - Many things to work on to get to the level we expect
 - Need to only have a level of technology to maintain the necessities of the school.

MOTION:

- Meghan Healy moved to accept the Calendar for 23/24
- Second by Dr David DeWitt
- Call to vote – unanimous

Motion carried

- Switching back to Power school as admission from black baud
 - Power school has an admissions function as apart of the package and works better and will be using starting this year
 - Won't pay for black baud next year (about \$125,00 yr.)
 - Should work better for parents
- Catholic schools' week
 - Parish staff gave cards to the Pastors of each of the schools
 - Fr Bobs birthday last week
 - Celebrating Catholic identity
 - Doing a Mass on Jan 3rd
 - Talent shows with students
- Bryan noted - Bullet 5 in academic excellence
 - Addressed issue

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Try get some background information to prepare for approval of budget
- Dave Dietrich hired a new accounting manager
- According to Dave, working on a bottom-up budget, so there is ownership by all members
- Kristen has been helping Dave
- Committed to have a draft by next BOT
- Grounded on major consideration
 - Aspirational goal to get teachers to 80% of public-school teachers by 2026
 - Came from the Diocese

- Need to increase salaries by 5% every year to 2026
- Goal to get to 35 percent offertory giving by the Parishes
 - Reduction from giving and reduction of requirement
- Increase in choice school students
 - May have maxed out the use of Choice
- About a \$320,000 increase in the bucket for salaries by 2026
- Losing about \$51,000 from Parishes
- Comparison with other private schools
 - Undervalued in the elementary schools
 - Pretty close with the middle and high schools
 - Numbers only for list price of school
 - Not including grants
- January meeting very financially driven
 - Need to see budget well before January BOT meeting
 - Keep up on info that bill sends out
 - Complete package to be sent out before the January meeting
 - Endorsed by the finance committee
 - Cost per student around \$10,000/student
 - System average
 - Tuition well below costs
 - Maxes for students is around 100/grade in elementary and 75/grade in mid and high school
 - Planning to have the problem to be too many students
 - Lots of financial work to do by January

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Committees on track
- No Terry Athletic report
- Phil to reach out to Terry
- We do have funds for board related activities (\$2,000)

OLD BUSINESS

- No old business

NEW BUSINESS

- No old business

MOTION

- Phil Kerwin moved to begin executive session
- Second by Ron Schreier
- Call to vote – unanimous
- Motion carried

MOTION

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

Closing Prayer: Phil Kerwin

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

Meeting ended at 8:07 PM