

SMCS Board of Trustees – Meeting Minutes

Meeting held May 24, 2023

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 Ron Schreier, Ron Steffen, Fr Bob Kollath, Fr. Judah, Mary Krueger, Kristen Bergstrom, Meghan Healy, Leila Mousai

Missing: Fr. Dennis Bergsbaken, Fr. Jude Egbuna

Guests: Susan Kraft

BOT MEETING START TIME: 6:33 PM

Opening Prayer: Phil Kerwin

MOTION:

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- Ron Schreier moved to accept the April BOT and May Executive committee meeting minutes as amended
- Second by Kristen Bergstrom
- Call to vote – unanimous
- Motion carried

OPEN FORUM

- No open forum

SUPERINTENDANT REPORT

- Eric director of Fine Arts moving to another parish in Fond du Lac
- Dave Sawall retiring band instructor here after 30 years
- Teacher contracts came in and no surprises
 - Less teachers to hire
 - Class sizes may be an issue, may require an extra aid
- Enrollment currently not where we want it to be, but normal for this time of year
 - Usually, late enrollment
- Crystal Blahnik has accepted role as Associate principal
 - Huge win
 - Leaving principal position for associate principal position
 - Similar to old principal position
- Some confusion with the principal and associate principals
 - Working thru issues and getting chain of command in place
- Moving to Tracy Ludka, St Margaret Mary cook to provide food service to the high school

- Very strong person
 - Winding down Chartwell
- Volunteer hours for sporting events will be incorporated for students
 - Supervision will be maintained
- Renaissance Star will be the method of rating to replace MAP testing
 - May do a different exam
 - Can be done more frequently
- Safety committee meeting
 - Working on a new defibrillator for sporting events
- Senior awards night
 - Well-rounded kids
 - Special night
 - Fr. Bob happy
 - Seems to be much better than in public schools
 - Use as an opportunity to show public how great a school we have
 - Many ways to feature how well our kids are doing
 - Not always about straight A students but kids that show leadership/creativity
- Want to know what the moneys owners are like and what they are doing
 - Focus on teachers
 - May have been alienating some of the older contributors
 - Also focus on school from day one
 - Feedback from focus groups
 - Look for feel good stories form alumni
- Finance committee
 - Bill Bittner speaking
 - Communicate committee information in the executive committee meeting
- Committee Reports
- Leila Mousai gathering committee reports
 - Added top 3 risks
 - Top 3 opportunities
 - Look at and send suggestions
 - Update 5-year plan committee for building and grounds committee
 - Adding advancement committee

OLD BUSINESS

- Governance committee
 - Updated, now shows BOT potential members
 - Bill rescinded application
 - Patti Purcell
 - Troy Noel
 - Paul Seveska
 - Can be a member if he can physically be here, otherwise he cannot vote
 - If he is voted on
 - Must be present to perform duties as part of the constitution

- Commit to presence as part of the BOT
- Would not be a quorum if he cannot physically be there
 - Difference between issue during versus coming in with issues
- Bryan challenged the right of having a member that cannot be here
 - Expectation of physical attendance
 - Pastoral counsel will ask member to leave if they miss over 4 meetings
- Bryan will look at in the governance committee
- Trying to always reflect the board members with the makeup of the school (inclusion)
- Great year for membership and going into next year
- Bus trip to schools is a good idea in August as part of training
 - Virtual speaker
 - August 24th

MOTION:

NOMINATE BOARD MEMBER

- Bryan Rosiejka moved to nominate Patti Purcell as a new BOT board member
- Second by Ron Schreier
- Call to vote – unanimous

Motion carried

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- Bryan Rosiejka moved to nominate Paul Seveska as a new BOT board member
- Second by Meghan Healy
- Call to vote – unanimous

Motion carried

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- Bryan Rosiejka moved to nominate Troy Noel as a new BOT board member
- Second by Meghan Healy
- Call to vote – unanimous

Motion carried

- Ask Keith to be on a committee
 - To help get any interested board members in school and eventually the board of trustees
 - In August usually divvy out the new members to committees
 - Troy add to finance/foundation?
 - Foundation must do more
 - Need to meet with people
 - May not have been noted when the committee was created

NEW BUSINESS

- Board and president review
- Need to get reviews wrapped up
- Governance committees having someone meet with Dan to review survey results
- Questionnaire from Diocese
- Try to fit goals in domains in Phil's questionnaire
- Always confidential
- Individual meetings early next week
- Calendar
 - August 24th
 - Facility tour
 - June 9th at
 - DeWitt's Hail and Farewell
 - Spouses and faculty can be invited
 - Bill on strategic plan
 - Tomorrow in parking lot
 - First one or two refresh of the strategic plan
 - Six people should be there
 - Middle school conference room
 - Megan to provide feedback

MOTION

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

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