

# La Salle Catholic School Board Meeting Minutes

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Present:** Father Noah Diehm, Angie Katrichis, Susan Hucker, Julie Deutmeyer, Sara Wilgenbusch, Roberta Smith and Cindy Hunt

**Absent:** Jake Cota & Shannon Brimeyer

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Father Diehm.

Meeting minutes were approved with a motion made by Julie and seconded by Roberta.

## Reports

**Finance:** Feb. parish payments are up-to-date; the lunch account received a payment for \$2900 in reimbursement and they are waiting on another \$2000 for February. At this point, it is projected that we'll break even with the lunch account.

-33 confirmed for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade; 9 (3 & 4 year olds)

There are a couple of different options for staffing

- We can hire a part-time teacher for math/reading and then the kids would go up or down for science/social studies
- We can go with the staffing that we have and move 4<sup>th</sup> grade up and down but have a homeroom (similar to what second grade did this year)
- We can hire a full-time teacher and would have single-level kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and have 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> together and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> together
  - A motion was made to start searching for an additional full-time teacher to support the 2021-2022 enrollment by Cindy and seconded by Julie.
  - A motion was made to continue the sharing arrangement of an art teacher and music teacher with Xavier as we did this year by Father and seconded by Sara.
  - A motion was made to approve a 2% increase to base and 4% guarantee and to increase the hourly wages by 3%. This motion was made by Julie and seconded by Cindy
  - A motion was made to approve all contracts as presented, not to exceed a total full-time equivalency of 5.4 FTE. This motion was made by Julie and seconded by Sara. Susan also wanted to board to be aware that the teacher's contracts will include the new language set forth by the diocese including the board has the right to pay or not pay a teacher if an extended time off was needed due to COVID or other natural disasters. We did not have a choice this year to include or discard that language.
  - A motion was made to approve Susan's contract as the principal and give her a 4% raise. This motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Father.

**Facilities:** The back steps have become a safety issue and are no longer being used by students; Susan is hopeful that we will raise enough money for the concrete pad extension and will be able to fix the steps at the same time the pad is poured. Carl Bries is coming out to look at them and Jake has 2 companies coming out to do estimates

**Board In-Service:** Julie will report for the board in-service this month

**Principal's Report:** The Dyersville Commercial ran an article about the "Heart Adventure" and we're hoping they'll print one about the new SMART room additions; The soup supper raised \$2600 after expenses; Susan got some information about Aquin's day care center called "Little Angels". The board would like to continue fact-finding and would like a meeting to be set up with Brian Maiers and other Dubuque County personnel so we can see if this is a viable option and what would be needed to make this happen. Susan and Beverly will get available dates and try to set up a meeting before the next meeting.

Spring Social: Sara recommended doing "Mystery Cash Envelopes" that are up for bid. Cindy will take this back to the committee and see what they would like to decide. Invitations were sent out and reservations have started to come back. The virtual auction will start Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and end on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Strategic Planning: Angie needs SWAT analysis done and returned back to her ASAP. There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday with the planning committee.

There was a motion to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented; this will follow Western Dubuque's schedule for the year. This motion was made by Julie and seconded by Sara.

The motion was made by Father and seconded by Julie to adjourn the meeting at 8:25.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Cindy Hunt