

**Official**  
Piqua Catholic School Board Minutes  
March 14, 2019

A. Call to Order:

Roll Call: Patrick Galbreath, Sarah Hager, Cori Knapke, Brad Zimmerman, Father Dan Hunt, Sarah Kemmer, Christy Hayes

Absent: George Atkinson, Rachael Crawford, Lynn Sever, Jessica Rank, Mike Epperly

B. Prayer: Father Dan led us in prayer

C. Approval of February minutes: Patrick Galbreath motioned to approve minutes with corrections. Cori Knapke seconded.

D. Reading of Communications: None

E. Hearing of the Public: None

F.a. Principal's Report: Brad Zimmerman offered updates on the following points:

- K-8 enrollment: 123 (new student started week of March 11)
- Strategic Planning: 115 surveys have been sent to stakeholders of the school to collect internal and external feedback
- Damascus Day: 5-8<sup>th</sup> graders from surrounding sister schools joined our students at Lehman for a middle school rally led by missionaries of Damascus
- Monte Carlo night: Saturday March 30: tickets on sale now - \$25 pre-sale or \$30 at the door
- Grants: all grant applications have been submitted to the Piqua Community Foundation, Miami County Foundation, and Bureau of Worker's Compensation. Total grant money requested: \$70,000.
- Athletics: 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys and junior high girls basketball teams received runner-up in the NWCC conference finals
- IOWA testing: Students have been taking the IOWA tests and will finish up on March 15
- Movie night: student council hosted a movie night on March 2. Special thanks to PSC Crane and Rigging for lending their screen and projector. Others responsible for the success of the event: Amy and Rob Woehrmyer, Michelle Voress, and Cori Knapke
- Accreditation teams:
  - Academic goal team met to discuss growth in the area of writing – on track for a successful finish to this accreditation cycle
  - Catholic Identity team met to discuss growth in the area of implementing Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy – also on track for a successful finish to this accreditation cycle with implementation of “helping hands” and looking to team up with the Sisters of Notre Dame on a water project
  - Accreditation is important because it is how we are able to secure state funding through Auxiliary, Cost Reimbursement, Title, IDEA-B, and Scholarships like EdChoice and Jon Peterson
- Third Grade Reading Guarantee: all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have passed the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading guarantee
- The school calendar is almost ready for board approval
- Brad created a new flyer for the school
- Chamber of Commerce reached out to PCS regarding participation in advertising on a new

city map. CIA has agreed to pay for the ad

F.b. Director's Report: Christy had the following updates for the board:

- Current Enrollment: 53
  - 2 day PS has room for 4
- Enrollment for 2019-2020 school year
  - Pre-K: 22 (2 are also screening for kindergarten)
  - Preschool: 20
- Afternoon preschool option will have to wait another year due to budget concerns
- Pre-K to visit the kindergarten classes in April
- Have teamed up with Lora French to offer a spring photo fundraiser
  - 15% of all sales will come back to the Center for Early Learning
- Cori introduced a new school wide fundraiser (PS-8<sup>th</sup> grade) to benefit the Center for Early Learning
  - Collecting old shoes to donate – could earn \$1,000 - \$3,000
- Will offer Summer Fun Camps
  - Ideas include STEM, cooking, and music
  - Classes will be 9 AM to Noon
  - Ages 3 and up
- Will set up a booth at Taste of the Arts in May
  - Slime craft

G. Committee Reports:

1. Governance: After reviewing the by-laws, it was determined that we could vote to renew Cori Knapke for a second 3 year term on the board. Patrick motioned that her term be renewed, Sarah Kemmer seconded and the board approved the renewal.
2. Finance:
  - All grant applications submitted, see principal's report
  - Proposed budget for 2019-2020 school is not ready yet
3. Marketing: Cori Knapke reviewed the minutes from the Cavaliers in Action meeting on March 5, 2019. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 6.
4. Strategic Planning:
  - Surveys were sent out and feedback is coming in.
  - Next meeting is Tuesday, March 19, 2019

H. Comments from Members: None

I. Unfinished Business:

- Free tuition to children of PCS employees: discussion tabled until George and Lynn can provide an update at the April board meeting

J. New Business:

- 1) Brad would like everyone to spread the word about Monte Carlo Night, see principal's report. No board action required for this event.
- 2) 2019-2020 school calendar is almost ready for review. The goal is to have it aligned with Lehman for next school year instead of Piqua City Schools. This calendar will be ready for

review by the April board meeting.

K. Comments of the Chair: None

L. Next board meeting date and time: Thursday, April 11, 2019 in Parish Meeting Room at 7 pm.

M. Closing comments/Concluding prayer/Adjournment: Father Dan Hunt informed us of a fall that Sr. Mary Alice had and asked us to keep her in our prayers. He also asked us to be vigilant in staying strong during Lent even as life can get busy. He closed in prayer.

Meeting was adjourned