

Official
Piqua Catholic School Board Minutes
February 13, 2020

A. Call to Order:

Roll Call: Patrick Galbreath, Sarah Hager, Brad Zimmerman, Father Dan Hunt, Sarah Kemmer, Mike Epperly, and Kyle Cooper

Absent: Christy Hayes, Cori Knapke, Lynn Sever, George Atkinson and Jessica Rank

B. Prayer: Fr. Dan led us in prayer

C. Approval of December minutes: Kyle. motioned to approve official December minutes pending changes, Sarah H. seconded.

D. Reading of Communications: None

E. Hearing of the Public: Kyle discussed concerns with the morning news, Brad stated that it had already been removed from the curriculum.

F.a. Principal's Report: Brad Zimmerman:

- Attendance for 2019-2020 school year: 118 (K-8) current enrollment 122
- Catholic Identity:
 - Staff- School of Faith sessions have been spiritually nourishing and positive feedback from the staff.
 - Students – Damascus School outreach program has been uplifting for the middle schoolers. Brad also discussed the meaning of the crucifix with the 2nd-8th graders and encouraged the students to create one holy moment each day then two the next day and so on.
 - Brad is also encouraging the staff members to lead and live their faith as examples for their students.
- Business Partnership: 26 businesses participating in the program. Recently added partners Eagle Bridge Co. (Platinum) and Unity National Bank (3-year Platinum sponsorship).
- Ed Choice: Brad outlined the status of EDChoice following the announcement of possible amendments from the State.
 - EdChoice Traditional has been postponed until April 1, 2020 pending amendments from the House and Senate.
 - EdChoice Expansion: opened as planned on February 1, 2020
 - Public School system is protesting the program because tax dollars are being used to fund private school tuition and private schools are not held to the same standards (i.e. state testing).
 - 2020-2021 list of underperforming public schools has tripled.
 - Public School Districts are upset with the “flawed” state report card, stating it’s not an accurate representation of students’ academic success.
- Strategic Plan:
 - Goal 1, Obj.1 – Implementation of the gifted program – on track and fully implemented.
 - Goal 1, Obj. 2 – Transform classrooms through technology – Chromebooks have been

purchased and being used. Adaptive Learning software has been postponed until June 2021 as Brad continues to research the best option for the school.

- Tuition: Brad presented the letter that was sent to the families in January regarding the increase in tuition for the 2020-2021 school year, Affiliated students \$2,500 and Non-affiliated students \$4,500.
- Fundraising:
 - Monte Carlo – Jessica and Brad have a meeting with the Monte Carlo planning team to discuss ways to take the event to the next level.
 - Brad has also called on some individuals to discuss the idea of an Annual Fund to help offset the operational costs.
- Air Conditioning: Jerry received quotes from HVAC Companies. It was decided it would be best to breakdown in phases starting with the classrooms and halls. Brad will be applying for grants that could assist with the funding for the units.

F.b. Director's Report: Updates per Christy Hayes

- Enrollment for 2019-2020 school year: Pre-K: full with 24, PS: 28
- Early Registration
 - 2020-21 School Year 48 students currently enrolled
 - 24 in PreK AM class (FULL)
 - 1 on waitlist for PreK PM class
 - 8 in 2 day PS (room for 5)
 - 8 in 3 day PS (room for 5)
 - 7 in 5 Day PS
- Kindergarten Visit: will schedule a day close to Kindergarten Screening (end of March)
- Security Upgrades:
 - First phase of 3M Security Film installation on 1/21/2020 – second and final phase 3/17/2020.
 - Waiting on quotes for removal of accordion gate/ installation of door.
 - Talking to Andy Monnin about installing 2 Way Film on windows leading into the preschool wing.
 - This was suggested during a security walk – through to eliminate visibility into the preschool from the foyer
- Hannah O'Leary Library:
 - Cataloged over 2600 books – donations continue to come in.
 - January 25th – Unveiling Party and Blessing for O'Leary family and donors
 - Father gave a beautiful blessing
 - Around 70 people in attendance
 - Very well received – wonderful celebration of Hannah's life

G. Committee Reports:

1. Governance: George, Lynn and Sarah K. would like to continue to serve on the board for one more term. Sarah H. will setup a meeting with the Governance Committee to confirm the process for re-election.
2. Finance: None
3. Marketing: Cori was unable to attend the meeting but provided the Catholic Schools Week activities outline; the CIA had been very busy planning and executing the activities.
4. Strategic Planning: Brad provided an update in the Principal's report.
5. H. Comments from Members: None

I. Unfinished Business:

- Business Partnership: update provided in the principal's report.

J. New Business: None

K. Comments of the Chair: None

L. Next board meeting date and time: March 12, April 9, and May 14 – all meeting will start at 7:00 PM

M. Closing comments/Concluding prayer/Adjournment: Father Dan Hunt led us in prayer

Meeting was adjourned