



Attendees: Michael Debri, Patrick Ellis, Abby Giroux, Eileen DeWildt, Anne Harpold, John McMahon, Darrell Beckwith, Jennifer Nawrocki

Excused: Tom Vos

Guest: Dave Faber

Note Taker: Ashley Wilson

Abby Giroux opened the meeting at 6:31 PM with prayer.

Agenda was approved without changes.

March minutes were approved without changes. Patrick Ellis moved and Anne Harpold seconded.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Dave Faber's Presentation:** Dave Faber started with an expression of gratitude for our board members and shared data comparing ASA to other catholic schools in the diocese. This data can be found in the [ASA Board Packet](#). Dave noted a few updates: a) the 19-20 administrative appraisal is now complete and b) PreK-8 Fall Enrollment under Operational Excellence should be 272, not 110, for the 20-21 column. Dave then shared data about COVID cases in the diocese's Catholic schools, noting a decrease in teacher cases since the vaccine came out and how there is little evidence of the virus spreading through school contacts. Dave finally shared a presentation with an update from the Office of Catholic Schools, noting the strong enrollment of the Diocese of Grand Rapids in comparison to the national enrollment in Catholic schools and how no families from ASA reported leaving this past year because of the classroom or school atmosphere. The [2020-2021 Annual Statistical Report](#) from the Office of Catholic Schools is also available in the May Board folder. He noted that ASA's class size is slightly under the diocese's ideal class size of 18.
- **Staff Tuition Proposal:** Eileen DeWildt moved to support the staff tuition discount proposal. Patrick Ellis seconded. No objections were made and the motion for support was passed. Michael Debri will pass it on to Fr. George.
- **Board Summit Recap:** Due to an interest of time, a discussion about what was discussed at the board summit was skipped.
- **Principals' Report/COVID Update:** Michael Debri mentioned we only have one classroom closed right now for COVID and all students will be back again next Monday.

He also highlighted how a new mask mandate has come out about not having to wear masks outside and how the school is trying to decide if they should change the current policy (masks are currently worn outside) for the last few weeks of school. See the [May Principal Report](#) for more updates.

- **2021-2022 Enrollment Update:** Enrollment numbers are being sent out to all board members weekly on Friday. Eileen DeWildt asked about how many of our current 8th graders are attending Catholic high schools next year. Abby Giroux said we have 2 out of 20 8th graders who are attending non-Catholic schools next year.
- **June Meeting & August Retreat:** The June Meeting was moved to June 3, 2021 in person. The August Board Retreat is August 11, 2021. Next month, Michael Debri will have a schedule for next year's board meeting dates.
- **New Board Members:** Michael Debri shared a [document of new board members recommendations](#) to create a comprehensive list.
- **Financial Update:** Darrell Beckwith shared the [May Financial Update](#). He noted the difference between actual YTD income and the budgeted YTD income. No significant changes from previous months, noting that the loan forgiveness will most likely not happen this year due to a diocese delay. YTD we are only at a loss of \$7,000.
- **Committee Reports:** Committee Reports can be found in the May board folder.

Eileen DeWildt closed the meeting in prayer at 7:34 PM.

Next meeting is June 3, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Lower Campus Library.