

Scotus Central Catholic Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
11/16/2017

Dr. Dale Zaruba called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Members present were: Fr. Ross Burkhalter, Fr. Joe Miksch, Fr. Mike Swanton, Joe Chohon, Sue Donoghue, Chris Hutchinson, Jason Mielak, Clint Przymus and Kathy Steiner and Dr. Dale Zaruba. Absent: Lisa Kaslon, Mike Novicki.

Administrators present were: Fr. Matt Capadano, Campus Minister; Jeff Ohnoutka, President; Merlin Lahm, Activities Director/Asst. Principal; and John Schueth, Development Director.

The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Fr. Joe moved and Clint Przymus seconded a motion to approve the agenda with action items and the cafeteria update moved to be done before administrative updates and the motion carried. The 10/19/2017 meeting minutes were approved as read.

HANDOUTS – Climate Committee Report

VISITOR RECOGNITION/CORRESPONDENCE/INTRODUCTIONS – Present were: Joan Lahm, representing the Climate Committee, Trace Murray as an observer and Amy Sokol as an observer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee. Mr. Ohnoutka reviewed the October profit & loss budget reports for the cafeteria and Scotus general fund. Year-to-date cafeteria revenue is \$8,700 below budget and expenses were \$4,300 below expectations. Mr. Ohnoutka commented that every time the school does not offer a noon lunch, (examples: when the student body went to Seward to view the eclipse or the eight School of Faith faculty in-service days) the cafeteria loses expected lunch revenue. Fr. Joe moved and Kathy Steiner seconded to approve the cafeteria budget report and the motion carried.

At the end of October, the general fund's year-to-date income was \$83,138 on the positive side--mostly due to the timing of parent tuition payments. Expenses for the month were \$14,412 above expectations but year-to-date expenses are \$6,979 to the good of the budget. Fr. Joe moved and Kathy Steiner seconded a motion to approve the general fund budget report and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Cafeteria Update. Scotus cafeteria manager, Holli Bettenhausen reported that the government makes a site visit and review of operations whenever there is a new school cafeteria manager and the Scotus food service program was found not in compliance with federal school lunch guidelines—in effect, Scotus was providing too many calories and too much sodium in the meals. Guidelines provide limitations such as only ½ cup of potatoes per week, an average of 2 ounces of meat per day, half of the plate should be comprised of vegetables and fruit, and meals should not exceed 750-850 calories. The cafeteria is allowed to gradually move to compliance and it is already providing all of the fruit and vegetables students want. Students can purchase additional entre items any time under the federal guidelines.
- E. Approval of Alcohol at Alumni Basketball and Gala. Joe Chohon moved and Sue Donoghue seconded a motion to allow for the serving of alcohol at the alumni basketball post-tourney dinner and at the Gala dinner/auction fundraiser. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (in addition to submitted printed reports in board packets)

Mr. Lahm shared the following winter activity participation numbers: one-act (38), boys basketball (28), girls basketball (22), wrestling (20), junior high girls basketball (32), junior high wrestling (12) and four boys and six girls are on the coop swimming and diving team at CHS. Speech competition begins on Dec. 16 and the sophomore and senior mock trial teams are competing this evening for the district title. There will also be jamboree varsity basketball games at Scotus on November 25th involving three teams.

Mr. Schueth did not have anything to add to his printed report.

Mr. Ohnoutka added to his report that he is taking eight Scotus teachers to UNO to meet with the university's STEM program faculty. He also shared that he will Email the board members with a link for them to use to complete the AdvanceED surveys for the accreditation process. And it was recently announced that Time Warner Cable/Spectrum will no longer be offering free Internet service to any of the Columbus schools. Scotus is investigating options with other potential providers that will serve all of the Columbus Catholic schools.

OLD BUSINESS

None

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- B. Climate Committee Report. Joan Lahm reviewed with the board the summary of the Learning Climate surveys that were given to 7th graders and their parents after the completion of the first quarter. 98.5% of the students feel safe at Scotus, and 100% felt that students and staff exhibit Catholic, Christian qualities. Nearly 63% of the parents responded to the survey and 96% commented that the school was meeting or exceeding their expectations.
- C. Post-Secondary Plans Report. Mr. Ohnoutka reviewed the report on the plans of the 2017 graduates after leaving Scotus. All 63 graduates planned on attending college: 76% to four-year schools and 24% to two-year schools. Altogether, 2017 Scotus graduates expected to enroll at 18 different colleges and universities.
- D. Parochial School Enrollment Report. Mr. Ohnoutka reviewed the enrollment report of the Columbus parochial schools. He remarked that the total 6th grade enrollment in the three Catholic elementary schools is low at 57—which could lead to the potential of having three classes of less than 60 students at Scotus next year (one of which will be less than 50 students.) The other Catholic elementary school combined class enrollments are in the 60's and 70's which bodes well for the future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not conducted.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting. The next meeting date will be on January 18, 2018 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the finance committee meeting held at 6:00 p.m. Note: there will not be a December meeting.
- B. Standardized Testing Report

ROUNDTABLE

Announcements were made by board members.

Fr. Joe moved and Chris Hutchinson seconded a motion to adjourn and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Schueth