

Scotus Central Catholic Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
11/15/2018

Sue Donoghue called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Members present were: Fr. Ross Burkhalter, Fr. Mike Swanton, Sue Donoghue, Chris Hutchinson, Shannon Kosch, Lisa Kaslon, Kathy Steiner and Dr. Dale Zaruba. Absent: Fr. Joe Miksch, Tim Beaver, Jason Mielak and Clint Przymus.

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

The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Zaruba moved and Lisa Kaslon seconded a motion to approve the agenda and the motion carried. Dr. Zaruba moved and Chris Hutchinson seconded a motion to excuse absent board members and the motion carried. The 10/18/2018 meeting minutes were approved as read.

HANDOUTS – None

VISITOR RECOGNITION/CORRESPONDENCE/INTRODUCTIONS – Amy Sokol was present as an observer, Joan Lahm and Pat Brockhaus were present representing the Climate Committee and STO.

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

Mr. Ohnoutka read Mr. Lahm's report. The district mock trial competition is in Columbus Saturday at the courthouse. We have 4 teams competing for a trip to state on Dec. 2nd and 3rd... a freshman team, a sophomore team, a junior team, and a combined freshman and sophomore team. Winter sport participation number are: JH girls basketball 32, JH wrestling 10, girls basketball 21, boys basketball 28, wrestling 21, and swimming 7. Mr. Schueth provided two updates to his printed report: To date, the annual appeal has received 352 donations totalling \$42,418.89 and fall lottery ticket sales are at \$8,580 with one day remaining until the drawing. Mr. Ohnoutka did not have anything to add to his printed report but the board did discuss his plans to enhance student recruitment from the Hispanic community for the Catholic elementary schools in Columbus.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Climate Committee. Joan Lahm provided a report from the Climate committee. The 7th grade parents were surveyed and so far 36 of the 54 surveys have been completed and returned. In general the parents are satisfied with the climate at Scotus and they didn't provide any alarming comments. 86% of the parents feel that their children are adjusting to the high school homework load. The 7th graders will also be surveyed during this second quarter. Mr Ohnoutka added that year-to-date, there have been very few disciplinary issues from the students and the senior class is providing good leadership for the student body.
- B. Post-Secondary Enrollment Report. Over the last five years, the graduation rate from Scotus has been 100%. Over the same period 72% of the graduates have gone on to 4 year colleges, 25% to two year colleges and 3% have entered the military or the work force. A listing of the colleges Scotus students have chosen to attend was also provided.
- C. Parochial School Enrollment Report. Mr. Ohnoutka briefly reviewed the enrollment report for all of the Columbus parochial schools. The current combined 5th grade and 6th grade enrollment in the three Catholic grade schools, 76 and 69 respectively, bodes well for Scotus' future 7th grade enrollment numbers.
- D. ACT Report. Mr. Ohnoutka provided a brief overview of the ACT summary report for the 2018 graduating class. The composite score for the class was 23.7 compared with the state average of 20.1 and the national average of 20.8. He also reminded the board that test scores are only one measure of student preparation for college and the work world, and that the initiatives currently

underway at Scotus to provide job shadowing and STEAM education along with our tradition of providing a Catholic religion to educate the total person, are also important.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance Committee. Mr. Ohnoutka provided a review of the October financial reports for the Scotus general fund and cafeteria fund. The general fund ended the month \$36,020.16 to the good of expectations and for the year it stood at \$65,534 on the positive side (mostly due to higher than expected tuition payments to date.) General fund expenses also reflected the unplanned outdoor oil tank extraction that cost the school about \$7,000. The cafeteria fund ended the month \$9,697 to the good of expectations and for the year it stood at \$4,909 on the positive side. Dr. Zaruba moved and Lisa Kaslon seconded a motion to approve the financial reports and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting. Note: there will not be a December meeting. The next meeting date will be on January 17, 2019 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the finance committee meeting held at 6:00 p.m.
- B. President's contract
- C. Approve faculty base salary and 2019-2020 tuition

ROUNDTABLE

Announcements were made by board members.

Dr. Zaruba moved and Lisa Kaslon seconded a motion to adjourn and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Schueth