

Scotus Central Catholic Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
1/17/2019

Sue Donoghue called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Fr. Ross Burkhalter, Fr. Joe Miksch, Fr. Mike Swanton, Tim Beaver, Sue Donoghue, Chris Hutchinson, Shannon Kosch, Lisa Kaslon, Jason Mielak, Clint Przymus, Kathy Steiner and Dr. Dale Zaruba.

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 Fr. Joe seconded a motion to approve the agenda 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, and faculty members Janet Tooley, Bree Ackermann and Pam Weir were present representing the Crisis Team and STO.

CRISIS COMMITTEE REPORT

Janet Tooley provided an overview of the Crisis Team's work at Scotus. The team oversees the Student Response Protocol training—including lockdown and fire alarm drills, CPR training for staff and students, and the training of staff on the use of the EpiPen and Nebulizer. The team also hopes to incorporate training this year on the "Code Blue Program" and the hospital's "Stop the Bleed Program" and to attain a grant for a second AED for the school.

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

Mr. Ohnoutka read Mr. Lahm's report. There are 27 students out for 7th and 8th grade basketball. Mr. Schueth did not have any additions to his printed report. Mr. Ohnoutka shared the following points: 1) The Achievement Program will take place on May 1 at 7:00 p.m. and the Athletic Program will be on May 7 at 7:00 p.m. and will not feature a banquet; 2) he is considering the addition of a Pre-ACT assessment for the sophomore class; 3) the ESU is accepting bids for offering Internet to the schools and once a bid is accepted we will know how much it will cost for each of the Columbus Catholic schools; 4) The 2019-20 school calendar is completed and the board will review it at the next meeting; 5) work is underway to align the Catholic elementary science curriculum for grades 4-6 with the Scotus grades 7-8 science curriculum; 6) we are making sure the microphones are ready for the musical production; 7) Scotus is interviewing architects and will select one by the end of the month to help the school envision long-term facility goals; 8) work on the fiscal 2019-20 budget is underway; 9) faculty have until January 18 to turn in their letters of intent for the next school year and 10) the Archdiocese of Omaha will be taking over the coordination of the school's payroll and benefits.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Teacher Salary. Tim Beaver moved and Lisa Kaslon seconded a motion to increase the teacher base salary to \$31,910 effective for the 2019-20 school year and the motion carried. This reflects a 2% increase over the current base salary.
- B. Parent Tuition. Jason Mielak moved and Dr. Zaruba seconded a motion to increase parent tuition for grades 9-12 to \$3,000 and for grades 7-8 to \$2,900 effective for the 2019-20 school year and the motion carried. This reflects a 2% or \$5.00 per month increase over the current tuition levels.
- C. Standardized Test Report. Mr. Ohnoutka reviewed the ACT Aspire test results for grade 7 and for grade 9. The test results are reflective of normal trends that Scotus sees from students at these age breaks for college and career readiness. The 7th graders tested "ready" in English and Math and

“close” in reading and science. The 9th graders tested “exceeding” in English and “ready” in the other subject areas.

- D. Liquor Licenses for Alumni Tourney and Gala. Jason Mielak moved and Shannon Kosch seconded a motion to approve the application for a designated liquor license for the March 22nd alumni basketball tourney dinner and the April 6th Gala dinner/auction. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance Committee. Mr. Ohnoutka provided a review of the December financial reports for the Scotus general fund and cafeteria fund. The general fund ended the month \$9,993.14 below year-to-date expectations mostly due to the timing of parent tuition payments. The cafeteria fund ended the month \$4,885 below year-to-date expectations. Fr. Joe moved and Clint Przymus seconded a motion to approve the financial reports and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jason Mielak moved and Clint Przymus seconded a motion to move into executive session to review Jeff Ohnoutka’s performance as school president and his contract for the 2019-20 school year. The motion carried at 7:31 p.m.

Fr. Joe moved and Dr. Zaruba seconded a motion to move out of executive session and the motion carried at 7:38 p.m. Jason Mielak moved and Dr. Zaruba seconded a motion to offer a contract to Mr. Ohnoutka for the 2019-20 fiscal year and the motion carried.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting. The next meeting date will be on February 21, 2019 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the finance committee meeting held at 6:00 p.m.
B. Administrative and Professional Contracts.
C. 2019-20 Calendar

ROUNDTABLE

Announcements were made by board members.

Fr. Joe moved and Clint Przymus seconded a motion to adjourn and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Schueth