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MINUTES School Board Meeting November 8, 2012 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

PRESENT –Fr. Bart Tolleson, Mark Smillie, Michael Sheridan, Donna Weiner, Jill Caldwell, and Donna Smillie, Principal (non-voting).

OPENING PRAYER

Father Tolleson led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rose made a motion to approve the minutes from the October Board meeting; Donna W. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted by consensus with the addition of the Catholic Schools Foundation Fundraiser Seminar.

INTER-MEETING DECISIONS

None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Donna S. presented the Principal's Report and it will be attached to these minutes.

All action items were completed.

The Girl Scouts are being investigated by the USCCB. We will not change our policy on their use of the gym until a statement from USCCB is made.

Knights of Columbus will have a breakfast with Santa fundraiser for St. Andrew on Dec. 9th.

The School has two \$1000 Home Depot gift cards. We will put an item in the newsletter asking parents if anyone is interested in purchasing one or both. If no one is interested, we will use them in the auction either by making them an auction item or to purchase items for another auction package.

Terry and Phil Rose will be honored at the Donor Dinner.

A Christmas appeal letter will also be sent to friends and donors of the school.

CYC asked to use the gym again this year as part of their sleep over event in Spring. They will be allowed to use the gym if they show additional insurance coverage to protect the school. They will incur no additional charge if their insurance coverage is sufficient.

Mass for the feast day of St. Andrew will be celebrated by Fr. Raftis; Fr. Tolleson will concelebrate if he is available.

BUDGET REPORT

Revenue is still somewhat behind expected expenditures at this time, however, the mortgage is almost \$130K less than in 2011. Rose reported that may also be able to reduce the interest rate within the next month or so.

OLD BUSINESS

Health Insurance

Rates for 2013 have increased about 16%. All employers are seeing increases from insurers. Rose made a motion to keep the midrange plan of coverage and pay 80% of the cost for eligible staff. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Father Tolleson asked that Donna warn staff that this paid percentage might change in the future and that we may need to increase tuition to cover this additional expense. We expect the amount of the insurance (depending on how many staff keep the coverage) to be no more than \$35,000 per year.

Olson Insurance sent a form for an exemption from providing women's contraception, abortions and abortifacient. Michael believes that St. Andrew does not qualify for the exemption since we are not a church or a religious order. Donna will ask Chris Herriges if we can claim the exemption. Jill will notify Olson Insurance that we are seeking legal advice regarding the exemption.

Donor Dinner

The dinner will be Nov 30th. We will provide desserts and appetizers, and the meal will be catered.

NEW BUSINESS

School Clubs

The discussion was tabled until the next Board meeting. At that time, we will discuss what constitutes a school club and the guidelines required to establish a new club. Until the Board establishes these guidelines, no new clubs will be allowed.

504/IEP

Patrick Haggerty, Superintendent of Diocesan Schools, sent an email regarding a lawsuit against a Catholic school that did not honor an IEP from a transfer student. The school named in the lawsuit accepts Federal funds for Free and Reduced lunch. For now, the St Andrew policy will be that an IEP from another school will not carry with a student who enrolls at St Andrew. A brief discussion regarding accepting any federal funds followed. We may consider accepting federal funds at a later date if we have more information.

Accreditation

Paul made a motion to go proceed with accreditation. Michael seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The goal is to have the work completed by October of 2014. Donna will contact Rick Ahmann and ask if he would be the project leader. We will

meet on Nov. 29th with the project leader to assemble groups, assign tasks and establish a timeline. A Board member will need to be assigned to each group. The work groups are: Organization for Student Learning; Curriculum and Instruction; Support for Student Spiritual, Personal and Academic Growth; and Resource Management. Each group should have at least one of the following representatives: teacher, parent, community member, student and board member.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic School Development Foundation for Fundraising

We were invited to a one day session to discuss various ways Catholic Schools have been successful with fundraising. The date is Nov. 19th. Donna W. may attend, and if possible, Jill will go also.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: January 10th 6:30 p.m.