

ARCHBISHOP BERGAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Board of Education Meeting

MINUTES

Date: November 16, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Facilitator: Elizabeth Borisow

In Attendance

Elizabeth Borisow, Mandy Ostdiek, Todd Thomason, Susie McWhirter, Nichole Owsley, Troy Brainard, Tad Dinkins, Isaac Morrissey, Amanda Barron, Melissa Hapke

Also present: Dan Koenig, Nichole Owsley, Doug Moore

Not present: Kurtis Slater, Ryan Bojanski, Chad Kruse.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were unanimously approved.

The agenda was also approved, no opposition.

Guests

Max Trujillo is a 6th grader at Bergan Elementary. His favorite part of Bergan is being a member of the kindness squad. He also participates in Kids on Fire, a prayer group that meets before school. Max was asked to talk to the Board as a representative of the elementary school.

Doug Moore was also asked to be a guest. Doug is the guidance counselor at the middle school/high school. He presented data about ACT trends at Bergan over the last several years. He also discussed his “day in the life” of a school guidance counselor. He works with each grade on future career planning and making sure each student is completing all classes needed for college admittance. His job also includes the social and emotional aspect of students. He provides relationship counseling as well as monitors bullying in the school and on social media.

Reports

Principals Report: Dan Koenig (this report is on google docs)

The proposed 2023-2024 calendar was provided. The board will approve it during the next weekend.

The Director of Operations position has been filled by Nichole Owsley. The next step is to hire a Director of Advancement.

Wednesday November 30th, St. Patrick's is hosting Chris Stefanick, a Catholic evangelist and author.

Sarah Monke has worked hard to update our berganknights.org website.

Our largest fundraiser, The Knight Event, will occur Friday November 18.

Advancement dates to keep in mind...

Catholic Schools Week- January 29

Kindergarten Enrollment Day- January 27

Prekindergarten Enrollment Day- February 1

Preschool Enrollment Day- February 17

Parish Update Fr. Nolte

The new Director of Operations will be tasked with developing job descriptions.

Father asked to have his position renewed here at St. Patrick's for another 6 years.

The January retreat will be for the school board only, not a Global retreat.

There are plans to do a January 11 town hall meeting.

Financials Tad Dinkins

Tad discussed our current tuition rates. As of now, the elementary rates are the same as the Omaha elementary rates. The middle school/ high school tuition rates remain less than Omaha schools. There was also discussion on possibly different rate increases for the elementary vs the middle school/high school. We need to keep tuition affordable for a community in which 6/10 children live in poverty

The board will do some research on similar schools, with similar demographics and compare tuition rates, staff salaries, and ACT data.

Board President: Elizabeth Borisow

The Booster club will be running the bar for the Knight Event. They are also gathering information on starting an Esports team at Bergan.

The board will write thank you notes to our donors.

The board retreat is scheduled for January 15 Or the 22nd.

Advancement Nichole Owsley

Nichole's new position as Director of Operations will have her oversee finance, advancement, HR, and facilities.

She discussed the need to clarify staff members job descriptions.

Action Items

The 2023-2024 school calendar will be approved at the January meeting.

Next Meeting

January Retreat Meeting | TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM