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ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

School Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2022 3:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Kristie Martin, Catherine Knapp VP, Tom Cogley, Fr. Andrew Dickinson, Joe Mehlhaff, Chad Bent **via zoom** Matt Althoff **Absent:** Steve Lewno **Staff:** Tim Weisz, Michala Heller, Paula Florey, Rick Kline, Tammy Kost, Billy Young, Derek Larson **Guest:** David Vetch

1. The February 9, 2022 meeting of the Aberdeen Catholic School System Board was called to order by President, Kristie Martin.

- a. Opening prayer was led by- Fr. Andrew Dickinson

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Agenda additions/corrections- please replace the wording on Fr. Andrew's comment on item 3b. to the following: *'when we look at enrollment and growth I recommend we take a comprehensive approach'*.
 - b. January 12, 2022 Minutes additions/corrections- none
 - c. Joe Mehlhaff reviewed January financials

Motion by Catherine Knapp, second by Fr. Andrew Dickinson to approve the February 9, 2022 agenda with corrections, January 12, 2022 minutes, January bills for payment, and financial report. Motion carried.

3. RECOGNITIONS

- a. Tim Weisz recognized the accomplishments of the Robo Cavs Team at the North Dakota State Competition. They received 1st Place for the Design Award, 2nd Place for the Motivate Award, and 3rd Place for the Innovate Award and the Inspire Award. Their coach Kristen Arunasalam was also awarded the 2022 Mentor of the Year award. Assistant A.D., Billy Young shared that the Team also received the STAR award from the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce this week.
 - b. Tim Weisz recognized the accomplishments of the One Act Play cast and crew at the State Festival. The play received a Superior rating and all actors received either a Superior Actor award or a Superior Ensemble award.

- c. Kim Carda receives Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Bandmaster Award from the South Dakota Bandmasters Association. Only one teacher is the state receives this award each year.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (additions to previously submitted written reports)

- a. President's report- upon the request of Board President, Kristie Martin, Tim researched how we may achieve internet and phone independence after the fire at the high school earlier this year cut off both of these services to our other school sites. He shared we have achieved phone independence at no cost. To achieve internet independence would be a \$6,000 upfront cost and a \$1,000 per month cost moving forward. These costs are associated with updating the system firewall.
- b. Principal's reports- Paula Florey, no additions. Kristie Martin asked about the decision, after this year, to not require 9-12 grade students to participate in a Science Fair. The Science teachers discovered many obstacles when requiring students to take part. Next year students are encouraged to take part but only by choice. Tammy Kost shared that our Kindergarten enrollment is at 30 with 3 more students expected to register very soon. This is in line with our numbers at the same time last year.
- c. Development- Rick Kline invited all the Board members to attend the Ball on March 26 at The Dakota Event Center.
- d. Activities Director- no additions

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Administrative/Education Planning – met 2.2.22, minutes included in packet
- b. Buildings & Grounds – TBD
- c. Finance- met 2.2.22, minutes included in packet
- d. Marketing/Recruitment/Development – next meeting, 3.23.22

6. ACTION ITEMS-

- a. Approve the addition of Fr. Andrew Dickinson and Tim Weisz as signators to the schools Dacotah Bank accounts, and the removal of any additional parties previously listed.

Motion by Tom Cogley, second by Chad Bent to approve adding Fr. Andrew Dickinson and Tim Weisz as signators to the schools Dacotah Bank accounts, and the removal of any additional parties previously listed Motion carried.

- b. Approve revisions to the already approved 2022-2023 Academic Calendar

Motion by Fr. Andrew Dickinson, second by Chad Bent to approve revisions to the already approved 2022-2023 Academic Calendar. Motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. ACF Quarterly Report- Dave Vetch reviewed the financial report and informed the Board of the upcoming One Vine Many Branches city wide event taking place on June 5, 2022. Bishop Donald DeGrood and Arch Bishop Robert Carlson will be here to celebrate Mass at the Barnett Center. Dave has a large team of volunteers helping plan the event. He is thankful for the efforts of Laurie Campbell, event coordinator, Jill Young, Rick Kline, Dan Unser, and many others.
- b. Report on joint St. Mary's/Sacred Heart/ACSS meeting. Those who attended reported that it was a good meeting and beneficial for keeping all parties updated on goals and vision.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Fr. Andrew Dickinson, second by Tom Cogley to move into executive session at 4:02 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Cogley, second by Chad Bent to move out of executive session at 5:03 pm. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer led by Tom Cogley

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tom Cogley, second by Catherine Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING- Next meeting is March 9, 2022

Recorded by Michala Heller