



## RAPID CITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Board Agenda/Minutes

Monday, September 25, 2023

Holy Family Meeting Room

Catholic Chancery Building

Rapid City, South Dakota

ATTENDING: Christopher Dietrich, Suzanne Feist, Jess Karim, Brendan Murphy, Tara Schaack, Eric Scherr, Cassidy Stalley, Corrie Stephens, Joe Strain, LeAnn Wenger

ABSENT: Rev. Brian Christensen, Bishop Peter Muhich, Rev. Andrzej Wyrostek

INTERESTED PARTIES: Rebecca Cronin, Julie Tipton

GUESTS: Kale McNaboe, Mike Solano

RECORDER: Marcia Werner

**I. Opening Prayer-Dr. Julie Tipton**

**II. Public Participation/Visitor Input**

*If you wish to address the Board, please contact the Board President with a written request to include subject matter a minimum of 24 hours before the meeting. Employees and members of the public are reminded they must follow and exhaust all administrative remedies prior to presenting matters to the Board.*

**III. Consent Agenda - Consent Agenda passes with no objections.**

*Consent Agenda items are those items that involve routine, procedural, information, and self-explanatory non-controversial matters typically found in an agenda in one area. These items are then presented to the board in a single motion for an up or down vote after allowing anyone to request that a specific item be moved to the full agenda for*

*individual attention. Other items, particularly those requiring strategic thought, decision making or action, are handled as usual.*

- Approval of August Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Contracts
  - Regan Weisbeck, Child Care
  - Jolene Geddes, Library
  - Gloria Wiedmann, Library
- Approval of Teacher Contracts
  - Lloyd Potter, Band teacher, Grades 5-12
  - Aaron Finnell, High School English teacher

#### **IV. Action Items**

*Action Items that appear on our agenda are presented by a Board Member when he/she would like to provide an oral update or discuss a specific item or issue with the Board. This is also a time to address any specific questions. A motion may or may not be required following the report.*

- **Joe Strain and Rebecca Cronin, Finance - Kale McNaboe from Longbranch Civil Engineering reviewed maps of the Cambell Street property. He offered numerous suggestions to improve saleability of the property, including a concept grading plan. Mr, McNaboe will send a revised proposal to the Finance Committee to include costs for a concept grading plan; after which, the Committee will report back to the Board.**
  - Approval to move forward with suggestions from Longbranch Civil Engineering regarding Cambell Street Land.
- **Suzanne Feist, Vice President - Suzanne thanked everyone profusely for their efforts before, during, and after The Cavalier events. She distributed a summary of financial results following the events, which netted \$160,880 to date. A Feedback Form is being developed to send to staff/faculty and families.**
  - **Development - Cavalier**

The Board Members or Interested Parties listed below have no report for the action agenda:

- **Bishop Peter Muhich, Bishop of the Diocese of Rapid City**
- **Dr. Julie Tipton, Superintendent**
- **Cassidy Stalley, President**
- **Joe Strain, Treasurer**
- **Jess Karim, Secretary**
- **Joe Strain, Investment Committee Chair**
- **Jess Karim and Suzanne Feist, Development**

- **Brendan Murphy, Facilities Committee Chair**
- **Fr. Brian Christensen, Mission Committee Chair**
- **Corrie Stephens, Activities Committee Chair**
- **Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek**
- **Tara Schaack**
- **Christopher Dietrich**
- **LeAnn Wenger**
- **Eric Scherr**
- **Campus Ministry**
- **Booster Club**
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## V. Information Items

*Information Items on our agenda is a written report that does not require discussion. Board Members are expected to read this information prior to each meeting. Board Members may clarify information at the board meeting.*

- **Fr. Brian Christensen, Mission Committee Chair**
  - Discussed Committee Mission Statement, specifically:
    - What do we mean by Catholic Identity?
    - What do we mean by Christocentric Foundation?
  - Articulated importance of using common language: “Classical Catholic Education” (CCE)
  - Committee will create and present to the Board 3 presentations addressing the 9 questions the Board needs to answer to better understand CCE
    - 1. What is Classical Catholic Education (CCE)?
    - 2. Why would we want to implement a Classical Catholic Education approach?
    - 3. How is Classical Catholic Education different from the model of education that RCCSS is providing now?
    - 4. What role does science, mathematics, and technology play in Classical Catholic Education?
    - 5. What role do athletics, extra-curricular activities and physical education play in Classical Catholic Education?
    - 6. What are colleges looking for? How does Classical Catholic Education impact a student's preparation for college acceptance?

- 7. What needs to change to implement a Classical Catholic approach? How will changes impact budget, faculty, staff, students, enrollment?
  - 8. Where in our region are schools embracing Classical Catholic Education? Are they thriving?
  - 9. How will Classical Catholic Education affect our state accreditation? National accreditation?
- **Dr. Julie Tipton, Superintendent**
  - An **ENORMOUS THANK YOU** to our entire board for their support, work, hospitality, excitement, service, and the list goes on to help make our Cavalier 2023 a success!
  - I received notice that the Governor of South Dakota has appointed me to serve on the SD Advisory Panel for Children with Disabilities. I feel very blessed. I have lots to learn and hopefully will also contribute to furthering our Catholic Schools' mission to serve.
- **Cassidy Stalley, President**
  - Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. What a beautiful event and coming together. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it happen, especially Dr. Tipton, Jess Karim, Suzanne Feist, and Sabrina Raush. I can't wait to see what next year will bring.
  - Committee Reports
    - Deadline moved to 8am, Tuesday before School Board Meetings.
- **Jess Karim and Suzanne Feist, Development Committee Co-Chair**
  - Cavalier Weekend success.
  - Cavalier Dinner.
    - 30-40 people present at different times during Alumni Social hour.
    - 274 people registered for dinner event
    - 13 corporate sponsors.
    - 14 live auction items and 21 classroom baskets.
    - Raise the Paddle made \$77,000 for our facilities.
    - Preliminary grand total: \$155,606.
    - Main complaints: poor lighting, sound quality, and food portions.
  - Golf Tournament
    - 8 corporate sponsorships and 4 individual foursome teams for a total of 12 teams.
    - Raised \$200 in the putting contest and \$275 in the roll the dice game.
  - Mass
    - 80 people in attendance.
  - Family Fun Night
    - National Guard Band
    - 2 food trucks
    - 60 drink tickets sold

- Feedback: fun event, but there was a lot going on and people were tired
  - Online Auction
    - Closes Sunday at 9pm
    - 57 items to bid on
    - Currently at \$5,207 (this is not included in the Dinner total above)
  - Annual Fund will be next large fundraising event. Will be working on gameplan in upcoming weeks.
- **Joe Strain, Finance Committee Chair**
  - Denied a registration refund request, as it is considered nonrefundable.
  - One student granted assistance from the Sr. Brady grant.
  - Overall status of accounts receivable are good. All full pays are in good standing; 4 half pay families need to make payment or change payment plan to monthly. A few new families still need to complete ACH form, but overall most monthly families are on track.
  - Chris Long has advised that two parties are still considering land.
  - Kale from Longbranch Civil Engineering has given some suggestions for staking the floodway, along with rezoning/replating. He will be present at September 25 Meeting to discuss.
- **Brendan Murphy, Facilities Committee Chair**
  - Exploratory Meeting for track on September 20
  - Fund a Need - huge success
- **Campus Ministry**
  - 6th Graders received their own Bible to decorate and keep throughout years of middle school; will have a Bible blessing ceremony soon.
  - 6th and 7th grade Theology students picked out various Scripture cards and magnets were added and placed outside their lockers.
  - Men's and Women's prayer groups started at Middle School.
  - First monthly Faith Formation at High School.
  - First staff Bible study.
  - Acutis Liturgy group meeting in High School.
  - First all-school Confessions; first all-day Adoration; all-system Mass.
  - Senior Retreat, September 17-19, went very well.
  - Planning to have a 5th grade retreat this year in October.
- **Corrie Stephens, Activities Committee Chair**
  - Update from Booster Club
    - Concessions
      - Having challenges getting people to sign up. Nowotny agreed to help by getting in touch with coaches and asking them to provide a parent name for Booster Club to be able to contact.
      - Johnston inquiring into whether Booster Club member can be certified

- MS PTO - Hosting a Color Run at Seton, September 29.
- Deferred discussion around how we are fostering and cultivating an environment that keeps Jesus Christ at the center of our extracurricular activities.

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#### VI. Board Development and Training

*Board development and training is vital to being an effective board. Board development and training will vary per meeting, with the goal to educate Board Members on their roles, responsibilities, and expectations as Board Members, through building on the work that was begun at Retreat.*

- **Board Goals - Dr. Tipton updated members on Board goals #2 and #3. The Mission Committee will present further information to the Board three times during this year regarding CCE.**
  - Clarification on the CCE goal revision and communication goal

#### VII. Executive Session - **The Board went into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. and came out of Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Corrie Stephens, “Approve the Plan of Intent waiver request regarding SD certification for Ms. Emily Barrett, St. Elizabeth Seton 4th grade teacher.” Motion seconded and carried unanimously.**

VIII. **Upcoming Dates/Announcements**

- Next meeting October 23, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m., Chancery Building, Holy Family meeting room

IX. **Adjournment/Closing Prayer** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.