

Aquin Educational System November 2023 Board Minutes

Aquin teachers provided a presentation for the board and finance committee prior to the meeting.

The meeting was called to order on November 28 at 7:06.

Present:

School Board Members: Father Osterhaus, Deacon Mark Otting, Laura Herbers, Kelsi Hosch, Kathy Beck, Cody Noonan, Matt Kurt, Kim Vaske, Kelly Moloney, Brad Boffeli, Jesse Burkle, Jenny Recker

Director of Faith Formation: Nicole Casey, Daycare Administrator: JoAnn O'Connell, and Aquin Bookkeeper: Marian Kluesner

Absent: Itza Heim

No community members were present

Brad made a motion to approved the agenda. Matt seconded. Motion carried.

Matt made a motion to approve October minutes. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Reports were shared via email. Any questions were brought up at the meeting and discussed. See below.

Finance Summary – provided by Kelsi

- Technology updates, increased firewall/tech software were an additional expense.

Kathy made a motion to approve the October financials. Cody seconded. Motion carried.

Daycare/Daycare Advisory Committee (DAC) Report:

- No volunteers were needed and no rooms closed for the last 3 weeks.
- Working on updating parent and staff handbooks.
- Daycare Rates and Billing Changes recommendations beginning January 2:
 - Discounts for all children will be stopped; any staff members receiving current discounts will be encouraged to complete the application for state assistance for daycare workers.
 - \$30 child per year fee.
 - Sunscreen fee waived
 - 2 weeks vacation available to families – need to take in 1 week increments
 - Infant full-time rate to increase to \$5.10/hr; part time rate to \$7.15/hr
 - Ages 2-5, full time rate to increase to \$4.85/hr; part time rate to \$6.55/hr
 - Part time is considered 24-37 hours; 38 + hours is considered full time
 - Payments will be deducted weekly on Tuesdays for the previous week utilizing ACH.

Brad made a motion to approve the Daycare Rates and Billing Changes recommendations as listed above. Kim seconded. Motion carried 7-2 with Matt and Cody opposed.

Letter with rate changes and information will be sent 30 days prior to changes in effect.

Faith Formation:

- Aquin staff retreat was held November 21.
- Confirmation meeting held on November 12 with candidates turning in sponsor forms. Next meeting scheduled for December 10.
- Spring semester to start January 3.

School Report:

- Aquin's Racom Safety radio (emergency radio installed last year) channel was updated so that all public and nonpublic schools in the district are on the same channel. This was per the Dubuque County emergency director request.
- Fall testing reports for Grades 2-8: 83% proficient in math; 76% proficient in reading fluency, 86% proficient in reading comprehension. K-1: 60% proficient in Early reading.
- School counselor Mrs. Antonelli along with resource teacher Mrs. Merritt have been leading the SAEBRS (Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener) tool. Screening helps identify students who may be a risk for social-emotional behavioral problems.

Development/Marketing Report:

- Planning to send out annual newsletter in January.

Building/Grounds Report:

- Quotes for repair of roof and for new roof were reviewed. Multiple issues found with roof. Recommendation was to proceed with Great Lakes for roof replacement. Bid was for \$68,974.00 and 30% will be required as down payment.
 - Kathy made a motion to approve Great Lakes as contractor for the roof replacement. Jesse seconded. Motion carried. Will need to send to archdiocese to approve.
 - Planning to create Aquin Roof campaign committee
- Working on quotes for maintenance of HVAC systems.
- Outdoor freezer – compressor motor overheated in October. Motor was replaced.
- Looking into quotes to repair or replace slide on south side of playground
- Jesse donating outside lights to improve visibility.

Old Business: None to report

New Business:

- Kelly made a motion to approve Kayla Kauder as the music teacher starting in January. Jenny seconded. Motion approved.
- SIAC Members include: Nicole Casey, Fred Heim, Lexi Ploessl, Mollie Orr, and Millie Hosch

Matt made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:35. Brad seconded.

Kathy made a motion to exit executive session at 8:45. Kim seconded.

Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:47.

