

St. Benedict Catholic School
School Board Meeting
January 27, 2022
St. Benedict Church Hall
Call to order: 6:00 pm

Opening prayer: Jenn Kuehner

Attendance: Sarah Christopher, Judy Franzen, Steve Haluska, Father Hertges, Elizabeth Kane, Jenn Kuehner, Michelle McLain-Kruse, Kristy Meyer, Darin Monroe, Al Weis

Guests: Brian Huinker, Chopper Albert, Kara Einck, Ann Schaufenbuel

Insurance issues: Brian Huinker Marketplace insurance rules have changed, and income caps are lifted, so it's no longer a low-income offer. The Arch is considering itself as a large employer, which translates into negative insurance changes for individuals. Brian will research this further and provide guidance.

Chopper Albert: A . would like to drive to school. Handbook states the students are not allowed to drive to school, whether or not they have a school permit. Discussion will follow amongst the board.

Ann Schaufenbuel and Kara Einck: re: insurance issues, from last year to current, insurance costs have risen beyond affordability.

Review Minutes: Motion to approve December minutes, by Al, second by Jenn, motion carried.

Budget Review:

The roof payment is complete. Motion to approve budget by Elizabeth, second by Al, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Administrative – Steve – Math Counts – Garrett See was 4th, Danika Reiser was 8th, the team of Garrett, Danika, Bill Fullhart and Ariana Albert took 3rd place overall. Next competition is February 17, 2022.

Catholic Schools Week 1/30 – 2/5 – several activities are planned, including a dance marathon, movies, etc.

FAST testing is happening.

NHD Regional Competition is February 26, 2022, at Decorah Middle School.

Financial/Budget – Al – Capital campaign is close to finished. Unpaid pledges have \$21K left to collect. Loan is paid off. Extra money is being discussed.

Christmas giving came in close to budget. Operating loan is paid off.

Church roof leaks.

Budget process is starting. School subsidy will remain for the next 5 years, will not decrease.

Building – Darin – Roof payment is complete. \$10K came from school operating budget.

PSA – Elizabeth – 3 fundraisers brought in just over \$10K. \$4720 went towards roof cost. There may be a fundraiser towards the end of the school year.

Strategic Planning – Sarah – Still working on Little Green Light donor software program to put together fundraising database.

Banquet – Sarah/Darin – Jenn Keuhner and Rita Dykstra are chairing the banquet. Kick-off party on Friday, April 29th at the Elk's Club with live music. Auction will be on-line only through Sweeney Auction House.

Faculty – Judy – Everyone is looking forward to Catholic Schools Week.

Mrs. Krammen said 3rd graders are participating in Vesterheim Immigrant Project this year, starting next month.

Old Business:

EANS I and II Update – Steve – EANS I money was deposited. EANS II – still trying to get money from Federal.

EOY: Total income **\$1,314,466**

Total Expenses **\$1,145,279**

Summary **\$ 169,187**

New Business:

Contracts will be issued in February

Motion on Policy 4111.22 regarding Staff Reduction – Darin

“Per Archdiocesan Policy #4111.22, the St. Benedict school board requests the administration to conduct a review of staffing needs for the 2022-2023 school year. If necessary, as per policy, staff reduction recommendations must be made no later than the regular March board meeting.”

Resignation: Mrs. Krammen

Preschool registration: 12 students registered. Open to the public on Monday, January 31, 2022.

Parent Teacher Conferences: will be virtual. Steve is requesting to change conference date from February 14 & 15 to February 15 & 16. Kane made motion, Keuhner 2nd, motion carried.

Closed session. In at 8:02, out at 9:01. Al made motion, Sarah 2nd, motion carried.

Future Business:

Next meeting, February 3, 2022, 6 pm, St. Benedict's Church Hall.

Prayer – Al Weis

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.