

St. Benedict Catholic School
School Board Meeting
February 9, 2023
St. Benedict School Library

Call to order: 6:02 pm

Opening prayer: Al

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

Terry Gaumer, Roger Huinker, Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa

Terry Gaumer, Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa presented endowment funds and what it means.

Review Minutes: Elizabeth 1st, Al 2nd, motion carried to approve January, 2023 meeting minutes.

Budget Review: Budget is not ready. Financials has been passed to a local accounting firm. Not clear about what money is where. St. Benedict's School is not getting the information that is required to produce a budget report. Fr. Hertges will try and resolve this.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: NHD Open House last night was a decent crowd, lots of excitement, nice presentations, displays in classrooms, live presentations. Positive comments from parents and grandparents, they learned a lot. Huge turnout. NHD competition is at NICC, March 22, 2023. Public can observe projects, but not when projects are being judged. On February 1, 15 families came to the Preschool open house. There are 13 on the waiting list. FAST testing is completed. Catholic Schools week went well – everyone went bowling, students went to the Planetarium, played bingo.

Financial/Budget: Al presented the Finance committee – approved church budget, school subsidy will remain at \$525,000. Alley improvement needs to happen before next winter. Voted to use capital campaign money to pay \$50K that was owed for 21-22 budget year, \$50K left to pay off. Could not draw off of CFAD this past year.

Building: nothing to report

PSA: Elizabeth: Resin hearts were made for Catholic Schools Week. Working on a spring fundraiser, teacher appreciation week is in May. Next week is parent-teacher conferences. Meals are provided for teachers by classrooms.

Strategic Planning: There was a presentation that Steve attended.

Banquet of Blessings: Kickoff is April 14, at Silvercrest, from 5:30 – 10:00 pm. Working on raffle packages and accepting donations. Classroom projects will be auctioned off at the live event.

Faculty: See Administrative above.

Old Business:

Catholic Schools meeting. ESA component was discussed. Two topics are: how is this going to work for tuition and salaries. Details are still being sorted out.

New Business:

Insurance issue – Plan 5 amount.

Tuition: \$2,950 for 23-24 school year.

Catholic Schools Week: January 29 – February 4. See Administrative above.

Kindergarten - Enrollment and meeting dates – Kindergarten is full and there is a waiting list.

Parent night, March 13, 6 pm

Come and See Day, April 5, 1-3 pm for K

Decorah Public School is considering changing April 21 to a student learning day to make up a snow day.

Future Business:

Next meeting, March 9, 2023, 6:00 pm, St. Benedict School Media Center.

Prayer – Michelle McLain-Kruse

Motion to approve February meeting minutes made by Al, Elizabeth 2nd, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.