

Lourdes Catholic School – Board of Education
Tuesday, 02/16/2021 - 6:00 PM
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Minutes

Attendees:

	Voting Members		Non-Voting Members
x	Tom Melchert – President	x	Jennifer Alongi - Principal
x	Mark Martinez – Vice President		Sheryl Lackey – Business Manager
x	Dave Reilly – Secretary	x	Megan Stopulos - H&S President
x	Rev. Jason Crossen – Pastor	x	Rev. John Lamansky – Parochial Vicar
x	Sandra Adamson	x	Amy Paul-Assistant Principal
	Tyler Edwards		Gloria Mesick – Teacher Representative
x	Tony Lemek	x	Victoria McCollum – Teacher Representative
x	Donica Mokosak	x	Dan Colbrese – Athletic Director
	Brian Nikulski (and SJV Representative)		Emily Andes – Director Faith Formation
x	Tom Quinn		Brett Adams-Coordinator of Evangelization & Youth Ministry
x	Kurt Tressel		Kelly Bush – Liaison BOE/Parish Council
	TBD		Ryan Wermes (SCRIP)
			John Leinart- (AHS Rep)

- 1) **Call to Order** – 6:05 pm
- 2) **Opening Prayer** – offered by Fr. John Lamansky
- 3) **Introduction of Guests** – Isaac Doucette, seminarian
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – motion to approve agenda offered by Kurt, second by Tony, motion passed by board
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** – motion to approve minutes offered by Kurt, second by Sandra, motion passed by board
- 6) **Open Forum** - none
- 7) **Old Business or New Business** - none
- 8) **Father Jason Crossen Report** – comments provided by Fr. Crossen
 - Working with liturgy committee to slowly work back to traditional practices during mass, alter servers back in ministry and some singing now allowed
 - Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was celebrated last weekend
 - Several spiritual and study groups will be available during Lent, watch the bulletin for information
 - Fr. Crossen and Fr. Vrba will be meeting with the bishop February 17 to review recommendations from the Meitler study and gain direction on next steps to move forward with Bettendorf planning
- 9) **Principal Report** – see report, comments offered by Jennifer
 - a. Letters of intent have been distributed to the staff, letters are due back this week
 - b. Staffing committee will meet next week to determine staffing needs based on latest enrollment

10) Business Manager's Report – see report

11) Special Interest Group Reports:

- a. Boosters/AD Report – comments offered by Dan Colbrese
 - First volleyball game completed last week
 - Monday's games were canceled due to weather, they have been rescheduled for March 4
 - Comments were shared that live streaming was appreciated from game
 - Mark M. asked if basketball decision had been made, Dan answered not yet. Basketball is still in consideration however will continue to monitor volleyball
- b. Home & School Association – see report, comments provided by Megan Stopulos
 - Starry Committee currently busy looking for sponsors and getting ready for virtual starry night fundraiser
 - SCRIP program is under review for comparison to past years, so far appears to be similar income as in past
 - Exploring options for end of year picnic and field day
 - Elections will be completed in April
- c. Teacher Representative – see report, comments offered by Victoria
 - Teachers are back into routines, out of January slump
 - Working towards Iowa Assessments this spring, typing is a bit of a concern given that all of test will be online. Do not want typing limitations to be a factor in test results.
 - Been great to be able to stay in rhythm of students in school, students and staff have adjusted well
 - Dave shared some feedback which was received from parents and students regarding disappointment around limitations in the activities held to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The board and teachers had some discussion regarding the challenge of having special activities while following guidance from Dr. Katz to limit activities in the interest of student safety. As we go into spring all leaders of the school were encouraged to be creative and find what we can we say yes to while keeping safety the priority. All want to give the students the best experience possible and end a very difficult year as positively as possible.
- d. Scott County Catholic Schools Advisory Board – no report
- e. Assumption High School – no report
- f. Parish Council Report – see report
- g. School Improvement Advisory Committee – no report

12) Religious Education Report – see report

13) Board Committee Reports:

- a. Finance – see report
 - Next meeting will be on March 5, working on forecasts
- b. Policy & Procedure – Two policies presented for review
 - 210.4E Urgent Board Decisions –
 - Motion to approve as written offered by Tyler, second by Sandra, motion passed
 - 212A Proposed Revision/Amendment of Policy –
 - Schedule for policy reviews was added out to 2028. Motion to approve as written offered by Sandra, Second by Donica, motion passed
- c. Grant Writing – no updates
- d. Public Relations / Marketing – comments offered by Tyler
 - Obtaining video from school for another monthly update of what is happening inside the school
 - Video prepared with kids for Starry Night promotion
 - Continue to drive activity on Facebook
 - Mrs. McCollum shared some comments regarding article in Catholic Messenger that is driving awareness to Lourdes

- Exploring opportunity to include LCS in community welcome packet for those relocating to the Quad Cities
- e. St John Vianney Update – no update
- f. Buildings and Grounds – Update provided by Tony
 - Firebox was inspected, will need to be replaced in the near future due to age
 - Boiler system holding on but is being stretched with this cold spell, Mike comes in at 6:30 each morning to fire it up
- g. Executive – no report, comments shared by Tom
 - Shared that a very good article was written in the Wall Street Journal about Catholic Schools and how well,

14) Closing Prayer – Blessing offered by Fr. Crossen following adjournment of meeting

15) Adjourn Regular Session – Motion offered by Tony, second by Tyler, motion passed by board

16) Closed Session If Needed – N/A

17) Adjourn – 6:58 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 6 PM
- Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 6 PM
- Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 6 PM
- Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 6 PM