

**Lourdes Catholic School – Board of Education**  
**Tuesday, December 14, 2021 - 6:00 PM**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes School Library**  
**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

- President Tom Melchert called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- BOE Members Present: Tom Melchert, Sandra Adamson, Chelsea Bush, Theresa Bechen, Father Crossen, Tom Quinn, Dave Reilly
- BOE Members Absent: Tyler Edwards, Kurt Tressel
- Other Attendees: Jennifer Alongi, Sheryl Lackey, Father Lamansky, Brett Adams, Anne Camarena

**2. Opening Prayer**

- Father Lamansky opened the meeting and led the Board members and other attendees in prayer.

**3. Introduction of Guests**

- No Guests

**4. Approval of Agenda**

- President Melchert asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the 12/14/2021 meeting. Motion was made by Tom Quinn to approve the agenda as written/Second by Dave Reilly. Approved.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

- President Melchert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 11/16/2021 BOE meeting. Tom Quinn made a motion to approve the minutes as written/Second by Chelsea Bush. Approved.

**6. Open Forum -**

**7. Old Business -**

**8. New Business -**

**9. Father Jason Crossen –**

- DIOCESAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – CAMPAIGN IS CALLED “UPON THIS ROCK”
  - a) Purpose is to strengthen 1) retirement 2) healthcare for priests, 3) funding for seminarians and 4) 20% parish share funding. Campaign could begin as early as fall of 2022. Total campaign for the Diocese is \$28 million which would be shared across all parishes. Jointly, with St. John Vianney the contribution would be 3.5 million. If Lourdes parish paid separately, it would be approximately \$1.5 million dollars. If Lourdes continues to pursue a new school and new site, Lourdes needs to have their own campaign. The Diocesan Campaign will begin this winter. Father said more information will be available at a later date.
- LOURDES/ST. JOHN VIANNEY STEERING COMMITTEE
  - a) The steering committee met last week (4 members from Lourdes, 4 Members from St. John Vianney as well as Father Jason and Father Rich. It was a unanimous decision that we should have a “Bettendorf campaign” to raise money for a new building that would house a new Catholic school, religious education programs, parish offices, etc.
  - b) There will be a Steering Committee meeting next week with the President and senior Vice President of the Steier Group. The Steier Group specialize in running Catholic campaigns for parishes, schools and Dioceses. There will be additional information in January.

## **10. Principal Report – Jennifer Alongi (See Full Report)**

- COVID
  - a) One COVID Pre-K case has been reported since November 17<sup>th</sup>. Principal Alongi reported that the school will return to two pre-pandemic procedures in January (Lunchroom schedule and K-8 Mass on Wednesdays). She mentioned that students age 5 and up will have had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated by the end of Christmas break. If there is a surge in COVID cases, safety procedures will and can be put in place.
- PENANCE SERVICE
  - a) The Penance Service went well.
- COGAT TEST RESULTS
  - a) Student COGAT test results are coming home for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- PLC
  - a) There are summaries of how teachers are spending their PLC time on Wednesdays. They just finished reading a book titled *Beautiful Hope* and are now doing more things that are applicable to their practice.
  - b) Strengthen the connection between the parish and the school.
- SCRIP
  - a) The school had record Scrip sales for December. There was a contest between students to earn a NUT day. The goal was to sell \$15,000. They sold over \$22,000.
- EANS-FUNDED ENRICHMENT
  - a) Questions regarding the open Interventionist positions that are supported with EANS funds. There will be two part-time interventionists filled and these individuals will begin in January, 2022.

## **11. Business Manager’s Report - Sheryl Lackey (See Report)**

- i) The YTD deficit for the school is **(\$193,409)** and YTD budget **(\$130,831)**.
- ii) There was discussion and explanation regarding the YTD deficits.
- iii) Scrip for November had a profit of \$546.00.
- iv) There was discussion regarding the tuition for the 2022-23 school year.
- v) There was a gas leak – Repaired.
- vi) The Giving tree was trimmed.
- vii) Actuators have been installed in some classrooms.

## **12. Special Interest Group Reports:**

### **a. Boosters/AD Report – Dan Colbrese (See Full Report)**

- i) Basketball is a go.
- ii) New Uniforms have been purchased.

### **b. Home & School Association – Jen Foley (No Report)**

### **c. Teacher Representative – Anne Camarena / Gloria Mesick (See Full Report)**

- i) Big highlight was getting back to in-person with Christmas programs.
- ii) Band & Choir Programs were hugely attended.
- iii) K-4 Christmas program was beautiful. Each grade level sang 2 songs.
- iv) Preschool and Pre-K Christmas programs are scheduled for Thursday.
- v) The school brought back “St. Nick’s Shop” which was a huge success and a record sales event.
- vi) 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will receive their First Reconciliation.
- vii) Preparing students for Advent.

### **d. Parish Council Report – Kurt Tressel (No Report)**

### **e. Assumption Report - None**

## **Religious Education Reports:**

### **a. Director of Faith Formation – Brett Adams (See Full Report)**

- i) Faith & Fellowship Sundays is a new initiative this year is kicked off and is going well.
- ii) Fellowship events happen every other week. Averages between 60-80 people in attendance. Would like to do more outreach to get others interested and attending.
- iii) Grow weeks which alternate weeks have been going as scheduled.
- iv) K-8, Confirmation, Adult Faith Formation all happening at the same time which is a beautiful blend of bringing the Church family together.
- v) Pro-Life Ministry. Donations and money available is making it possible to host speaker Monique Ruberu. The event is planned for January 8<sup>th</sup>. The event is free. St. John Vinney parish has been invited to attend, as well.
- vi) Becoming Catholic – there are 11 individuals participating in RCIA.
- vii) Adult Faith – Running series called Search – similar to Alpha. The series called Creed will begin in January, 2022.
- viii) Middle School Ministry – encouraged by the turnout and enthusiasm of students. Students meet twice a month. Approximately 30 students per session. 53 youth have been involved in at least 1 youth night this year. Brett reported that 58% of Lourdes Catholic School students in grades 6-8 have been involved in a youth night.
- ix) NCYC – 19 youth and 7 chaperones as well as Father Lamansky had a great and successful trip.

## **13. Board Committee Reports:**

### **a. Finance – Sheryl Lackey (See Full Report)**

- i) The finance committee met and approved the student 2022-23 tuition for K-8 for parishioners. The parish-subsidized rate for one child will be \$4,170, the second child \$3,545, the third child will be \$2,710, and the fourth child and each additional child \$2,085 each. Those rates will be across the board for all K-8 Scott County Catholic schools. It is a 5% increase from the previous school year. President Melcert asked for a motion to approve the proposed parish-subsidized tuition for the 2022-23 school year. Motion to approve was made by Dave Reilly. Second was made by Sandra Adamson
- ii) President Melchert has asked that the Non-parishioners tuition proposal be sent back to the finance committee for further discussion and consideration before being voted on at the January 18<sup>th</sup> BOE meeting.

### **b. Policy & Procedure – Kurt Tressel**

- i) No Updates at this time.

### **c. Public Relations / Marketing – Tyler Edwards (No Report)**

### **d. St John Vianney Update - (No Report)**

### **f. Executive – Tom Melchert (No Report)**

## **14. Closing Prayer**

- i) Father Jason led the BOE and other attendees in a closing prayer.

## **15. Adjourn Regular Session**

- i) Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

## **16. Closed Session – none needed**

## **17. Adjourn**

After adjournment there it was realized that there needed to be a vote on the pre-school tuition for the 2022-23 school year. Proposed tuition is as follows: 3yo 2day \$1,890/yr, 3yo 3day \$2,680/yr, 4yo PreK-NonQ \$3,250/yr, 4yo PreK-stateQ \$250/yr (no change). President Melchert contacted the Board members for a vote by telephone. The vote to approve the Preschool and Pre-K tuition rates for the 2022-23 school year was unanimous.

**BOE School Board Meeting Dates. Time for all meetings is 6:00 p.m. and is held in the LCS library.**

- ✓ **Tuesday, August 17, 2021**
- ✓ **Tuesday, September 21, 2021**
- ✓ **Tuesday, October 12, 2021**
- ✓ **Tuesday, November 16, 2021**
- ✓ **Tuesday, December 14, 2021**
- Tuesday, January 18, 2022**
- Tuesday, February 15, 2022**
- Tuesday, March 29, 2022**
- Tuesday, April 19, 2022**
- Tuesday, May 17, 2022**
- Tuesday, June 21, 2022**