

Lourdes Catholic School – Board of Education
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 - 6:00 PM
Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

- President David Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.
- BOE Members Present: Dave Reilly, Rev. Jason Crossen, Brian Nikulski, Teresa Bechen, Nate Meier and Brent Morlock.
- Non-Voting Members Present: Michael Hughes, Rev. Ben Snyder, Anne Camarena, Jen Burman and Morgan Davis.

2. OPENING PRAYER

- Offered by Fr. Jason Crossen

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- Katie Carroll, bookkeeper at Parish Office and Amanda Strom as new Director of Operations

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Motion to approve offered by Brent, seconded by Brian.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve the minutes from the January 17th, 2023 BOE meeting made by Brent, seconded by Brian.

6. OPEN FORUM

- None

7. OLD BUSINESS

- 2023-24 School Calendar approval. Motion to approve offered by Brian, seconded by Brent.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Iowa Education Savings Account
- [SCCS Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- An updated FAQ's will be coming soon.
- State working on final rules to come out in March.
- Kindergarten for Fall of 2023 is first priority
- LCS Tuition will stay similar to current year with a small increase.
- Fr. Crossen is concerned about ESA as the church will still be subsidizing the school.

9. FATHER JASON CROSSEN REPORT - New School Excitement

- Steering Committee is meeting every 2 weeks
- Campaign Cabinet is working hard on fundraising and top donors
- \$40 Million is a "dream" school - \$18-27 Million is more realistic.
- Fr. Crossen and the Steering Committee toured a Catholic School in Dubuque to see new building layout
- Heads of the Committee meeting with the Bishop next week
- Name for new school will be decided in about a month

- Hope to be in the new school building in Fall 2026. K-8th to hold 375 students
- SJV Fish Fry to be held at Lourdes on March 31st to show collaboration between our two Parishes.

10. PRINCIPAL REPORT - See Report

- Staffing shortage. Principal still teaching Middle School Science.
- Need additional teachers for the fall as we will have two Kindergartens
- Have had meetings with Bettendorf regarding Special Ed.
- Nikki Gartner still figuring final projections on tuition

11. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT - Handed out a copy of OLOL Budget and answered some questions as Amanda & Katie transition after Sheryl and David Rowland.

12. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT - See Report

- Director of Faith Formation - Morgan Davis stated the Youth Ministry is going well.
- VBS will be an outer space theme.
- First Holy Communion is coming up

13. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP REPORTS:

- Boosters Report - None
- Home & School - Preparing for Starry Night, March 4th, 2023
- Teacher Representative - Teachers are very busy. Spelling Bee, Valentine parties, and Catholic Schools week complete. Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent.
- Parish Council Report - Setting a date for Fall Festival
- Assumption - none
- Scott County Catholic School Advisory - [Brian Nikulski](#) stated we continue to move forward

14. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Finance - Already discussed when budget handed out
- Policy & Procedure - Await SCCS
- Public relations/Marketing - Nate Meier discussed marketing, social media sharing and creating an updated handout with data.
- St John Vianney Update - none
- Executive - Dave - none

15. CLOSING PRAYER - offered by Fr. Ben Snyder

16. ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION - 7:38pm, Motion offered by Brian, approved by Nate