

**Lourdes Catholic School Advisory Board Meeting**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

**AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING – IN PERSON (LIBRARY)**

1. CALL TO ORDER -

1. OPENING PRAYER (Fr. Jason)
2. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS
2. ROLL CALL Father Jason, Katie Selden, Nate Meyer, Father Ben, Becca Ashby, Erin Crigger, Julie Rosales, Megan Wilkinson

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA – Kris Girskis , Megan Wilkinson

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Kris Girskis, Megan Wilkinson

1. PAST MEETING

1. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. Mrs. Katie Selden – starting next school year with 313. Turning two storage classrooms into classrooms. Dress code – 24/25 will be the last year wearing LCS spiritwear and will introduce SJOA this upcoming school year. Staffing is moving in the right direction. Moving into summer mode -cleaning out classrooms and thinning out storage spaces.

1. PASTOR’S NOTES

- a. Pastor (Fr. Jason) - groundbreaking went well. Parish staff transitioning – Morgan last day today; replacement will be - Kathleen Shooter – DRE in Rock Island. Director of Operations position is open – Amanda Strom is staying home. CFO wants to go back to retirement. Father Ben is leaving July 1 in Ottumwa. Father Dane Dickinson will move in here. From Fairfield IA and excited to be here.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Teacher Report – no report. Mrs. Ashby has a very heavy heart to leave. It’s been a gift for our family. This was a long and hard decision to make. It’s right for our family.
- b. Home and School Report – full board appointed. Try to have a strategic planning meeting over the summer. Working on new plans for new families because we can’t be 1:1 with so many new coming in. Prioritize planning out a calendar in advance for events. New ideas for fundraising using the building for the last year. We still have Starry Night money to spend once we figure out what SCCS is covering. SCCS will let us carry over. Extra Starry Night money purchase a uniform item for SJOA.
- c. St. Joan of Arc update – construction is under way. Things are going well with construction. GMP has been established with Russell so contractors are locked in. Final number is 28,548,811. Doesn’t include FFE furniture fixtures and equipment. Taking as little of the loan out as possible, to use the money that’s coming in from pledges first. All accounts went to Blackhawk from QCBT. It has taken months, lawyer fees and lots of paperwork. Claudia and Donna have worked well as a team. Nate: Regular updates on build with a camera? Does Claudia have help with website? Father: Just got an intern from St. Ambrose for website. SJV volunteer has come into help with accounting. Capitol Campaign is in collection phase. So we can’t start a new campaign until 2025. Probably up to 17.9 but not actively campaigning. Going into collections for people have dropped off. Paul Alogna is trustee and on the SJOA finance. A couple parents have called in to father because of the building fee. Erin Crigger: was this part of the original plan? Once we got through the initial phase of campaigning, the finance group saw where we landed and there doesn’t appear to be any way to avoid assessing a fee on school families. That was the finance committees thought so that we didn’t have to build a partial school or have less amenities. Committee view is that by 2025 all students will qualify for ESA and won’t pay out of pocket for tuition, so if they were paying \$3600/student before ESA, and now you are paying \$0 out of pocket, they’re asking people to pay \$2000 or less than what you were paying for tuition. Question/discussion points: feels like a bait and switch to ask people to pay fee when this was not presented as a possibility at the beginning. Is it fair for families who have already made a pledge, to be charged this fee. Messaging has to be very careful. Please don’t use language regarding school or church families not pledging enough. Risk of this fee turning people against making further or new pledges, or paying on existing pledges.
- d. Athletic Director Report – Joe Smith is remaining athletic director. Kris: can we get a calendar of games and try to promote them more?

- e. SCCS – share advisory meeting minutes to LCS page Where to get SCCS minute meetings. SCCS Report update? Diocesan updates. Question from teachers about seeing SCCS meeting minutes or their committee meeting minutes. Ask Andy how does SCCS communicate to school boards. Father attends – what would you report back to us – how they were going to change using ESA money for each school to get some money to improve the building. Monthly update from SCCS to school advisory boards.
  - f. Marketing Report –NA
  - g. Faith Formation Report - NA
3. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION
    - a. Approval of changes to dress code for 2024-2025 school year – [unanimously approved dress code for 24/25](#).
    - b. Approval of athletic eligibility policy for 2024-2025 school year – [voted in passed this January. Implemented in 24/25](#).
  4. ITEMS NEEDING DISCUSSION, BUT NOT NECESSARILY BOARD ACTION (OTHER BUSINESS)
  5. PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN FORUM
  6. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)
  7. CLOSING PRAYER – [Father Ben](#)

BOE Meeting Schedule: No meeting in July. 2024 – 2025 meeting dates will be discussed at August 13 meeting. [Move August meeting to the 20<sup>th</sup>](#) because most will not be in town for 8/13. Nate committed to stepping in for Brent if he is at City Council mtg.