

St. Luke the Evangelist School Board Meeting Minutes March 22, 2016

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the School Board was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at St Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church by President Licia Pettit.

Members present: Kayla Curran, Kayla Crann, Licia Pettit, Amy Thompson, Travis Funseth, Dennelle Hogan, Shawn Althaus

Members absent: None.

Staff present: Tonya Eaton, Fr. Larry Hoffmann

Approval of Agenda

Motion to add discussion item: before and after school care; motion approved. Motion to add school handbook and dress code to future meetings agenda; motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Minutes approved by email.

Emails from school parents

Board members received several emails from our parents regarding adding to next year's kindergarten class and class size capacity. The majority of these emails were in favor of the school opening a 2nd section of kindergarten for the next school year. All of the emails expressed a desire for capping class sizes at 20 students.

The board discussed the letters and whether parents realized that adding a section of kindergarten would likely mean that in a few years we would have to use portable classrooms. Board members thoughts also included: not wanting to rush the building process as the next building will need to have bigger classrooms and 2-3 sections per class.

Positives attributes of two sections include more families, greater evangelization, and more income.

Trailers could work, and even might be a benefit to our students for a time.

We will take this to finance council tomorrow and look to them for some guidance.

Travis made spreadsheets projecting six years into the future with student numbers growing two sections per year, plus income and expenses for each year. Salaries, furnishings, textbooks, technology and employee benefits were included on the spreadsheet.

Board members want to avoid increasing the parish subsidy.

The parish is growing – 119 families have registered since June when we moved into the new facilities.

A motion to approve the spreadsheet and present it to finance council was approved. School diocesan officials should be informed of our investigation into the possibility of a second section of kindergarten. Licia spoke to the Ankeny School District regarding trailers. The last one they sold went for \$18K. They will be selling another one soon.

Report from FSA

Justin Williams was elected FSA Vice President. He has extensive knowledge in fundraising. FSA is looking at a golf tournament as a playground fundraising idea. The Bike/Run/Walk will be May 22nd. The next family social night will be in April. Summer events are being planned for current and new

school families. FSA hopes to pay to send two teachers to a conference next year. The goals of FSA are to support teachers and build community. The St. Luke parents are very involved, informed and interested. Parents really appreciate the family atmosphere and compassion at our school. FSA is looking to put together a mentoring program between current families and incoming families. We are praying about our school's decisions.

Discussion Items

School Board Goals: Facilities: Our big dreams to share at the vision meeting are: a new building K-8, 2-3 sections per grade, a library, rooms for all specials, nurse, counselor, wraparound care, band room, electives. We need to apply to the city of Ankeny for our zoning permit for the 3rd addition. Better to do this before much more building goes on around us.

Vision Meeting: April 2nd at 8:30am. This will be a general sharing from all parish groups. Members will attend and present our ideas.

Board seats: Seats opening in September: Kayla Curran will be stepping down, and Travis and Licia are up for re-election. Motion to have three seats up for election this fall, motion passed.

Marketing and Recruitment: The Marketing Committee is Tonya Eaton, Margery Pierce and Amy Thompson.

Special Session: We will set a date to discuss the 2nd kindergarten section, depending on what we hear from Finance Council tomorrow.

Next Meeting

Next regular meeting is scheduled for April 26 at 7 p.m. at St. Luke's.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Margery Pierce