

Waukesha Catholic Board of Directors

February 17, 2015



Attendance: Mike Bartels, Patrick Carey, Chadd Frank, Fr. Howard Haase, Joseph Heinecke, Kelly Horan, Lisa Kovaleski, Dennis Kruck, John MacGregor, Nancy Nadolny, Geovanna Salazar, Paul Seifert, Lori Suarez, Kristin Wroblewski

Excused: Joe Vitale

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by John MacGregor. Chadd Frank led the board in prayer; the Waukesha Catholic Mission Statement was recited.
- II. Minutes were approved from the January 20, 2015 meeting with one correction, remove the note under Old Business III-a. (I don't know what they are...Will insert the wording here.).
- III. **Old Business**
 - a. School Choice – The School Choice application was submitted and approved by DPI. We are listed on the choice website and parents can sign up and select our school for admissions. The process continues with Waukesha Catholic's verification of their residence and income determination, if needed. Lisa included Plan #2, which the priests' approved. There will be no more than 10% of capacity population open in K4-5th grade. No more than 16% choice students at any particular grade level. Thirty seven total seats in K4-5th grade. The final state proposal has not been determined. Waukesha Catholic will continue to ask our current families to apply. There will also be conversation with CMH and the Waukesha parishes to encourage applicants. A policies update is needed. This policy book is supplied to every applicant. A letter was sent to our families that stipulated the choice details and was signed by all the priests, John MacGregor, and Lisa Kovaleski.
 - b. Budget for 2015-16 - Lisa Kovaleski and Patrick Carey are still working on the budget. There is another meeting in Madison on March 5 that Lisa Kovaleski and Patrick Carey will attend on finances. The choice requirements add a level of complication to our budget. A motion was made to approve up to \$3,500 for Riley, Penner & Benton to look over and assist Waukesha Catholic with the budget to present to DPI. This was seconded and all approved.
 - c. Parish Subsidy – There will be a reduction of \$54,000 in subsidy to Waukesha Catholic from our parishes. St. Joseph's subsidy will be \$30,000 less, St. Mary's subsidy is down \$30,000, but St. William will give \$6,500 more. The archdiocese has recommended more discussions with the priests. St. Mary Parish is hoping to keep their subsidy the same as last year. Going forward, there is a need to have a formula in place. The archdiocese may help with this process since two proposed formulas have been declined. There is a request to do a building study to try to move our three school buildings down to two, to gain a financial savings.
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. Name Change – Our legal name is Waukesha Catholic School System, Inc. When we started calling the school: Waukesha Catholic, the name was not legally changed. The school needs to have consistency with legal documents, the state DPI, etc. Discussions centered on 'doing business as' Waukesha Catholic, keeping the legal name, dropping

the System from our name, or other suggestions. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

V. System Reports –

- a. Principal – All board members are encouraged to attend the Strategic Plan Visioning Meeting on Monday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. William Parish Hall. Tom Kiely from Marquette University will facilitate the meeting. Feedback from committee members and board members is needed for the planning to continue.
- b. Development – The 25th anniversary is next year, 2016.
- c. Finance - The financial 'Review' is in draft mode. The final version will be presented at the next finance meeting and at the next board meeting. Special events revenue on the November 2014 financial statement summary should read: Revenue was higher than budget for the month, with Special events revenue exceeding budget by \$27,000.
- d. Marketing & Recruitment – The current enrollment for next year is 430 students.

VI. Committee Reports –

- a. Athletics – The Waukesha Catholic's basketball tournament are complete. They were well managed. Both 8th grade basketball teams have received an invitation to the Padre Serra Tournament. The boys will play February 28 at 7:00 p.m. The girls will play March 7 at 5:45 p.m. Both the boys and girls teams are seeded first in their respective brackets.

VII. Parish Reports –

- a. St. John Neumann and St. Mary Parish have a fish fry this Friday, February 20.

VIII. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, 2015. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with a prayer.