

Waukesha Catholic Board of Directors

January 20, 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 7:00 p.m. by John MacGregor. Geovanna Salazar led the board in prayer; the Waukesha Catholic Mission Statement was recited.
- II. Minutes were approved from the December 15, 2014 meeting.
- III. **Old Business**
 - a. Athletic Handbook – A motion was made, seconded and all approved the changes to the handbook.
 - b. Home & School had recommended adding to the Handbook a required 15-20 volunteer hours per family with a fee that is reimbursed if volunteer hours are not met.
 - i. A required fee will not be added next year.
 - ii. It is suggested that recommended volunteer hours be put in the handbook.
 - iii. Tracking who helps and the number of hours will help set the 'suggested number' in the future.
 - c. School Choice – Lisa is preparing several plans to present to the priests. She is meeting with them next week for discussions. There is a meeting in Madison on January 28 that Lisa Kovaleski, Patrick Carey, Kristin Wroblewski and Teresa Landry will attend to get information on the School Choice process. The application for school choice is due February 2, 2015. The open enrollment period for families is February 2 to April 20.
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. Tuition for the 2015-16 school year was discussed. The initial budget review has an anticipated loss of \$363,741. There was a review of the income and expense assumptions that netted this number, as well as considerations from the Finance Committee. More review is needed to reduce this number. A few key items to keep in mind:
 - i. There is a reduction in enrollment of 40 students, due to graduating a large class.
 - ii. Subsidy from the parishes is down by \$54,000 next year. There is no formula that all the parishes are using at this time.
 - iii. If School Choice is implemented it may make a difference. At this time we cannot count on this issue.Registration for next year starts on Wednesday, January 21. The registration amount is now a tuition deposit that will be reduced from the total tuition bill. A motion was made for a tuition increase of 5%, seconded, and approved with one no.

A motion was made to set the tuition deposit at \$100 per family, seconded and all approved.

A motion was made to set the late fee, after April 15, to \$100 per family. This issue was seconded and all approved. This is an additional fee and not a tuition deposit.

V. System Reports –

- a. Development – Everyone is encourage to attend the auction on February 7. The Funda will be for technology. A \$7,300 grant from The Catholic Community Foundation was received for math assessment material.
- b. Marketing & Recruitment – There is one additional student.

VI. Committee Reports –

- a. Planning – Student, parent and staff surveys are being compiled. With community vision and involvement, goals will be set for the next few years. A strategic plan will be in place by the end of the year.
- b. Athletics – The Waukesha Catholic's basketball tournament are scheduled for February. Athletics is offering free home basketball games to Waukesha Catholic families on January 31.

VII. Parish Reports –

- a. St. John Neumann's spaghetti dinner is Sunday, January 25 from 4-7:00 p.m.

VIII. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2015. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. with a prayer.