

# Waukesha Catholic Board of Directors

March 17, 2015



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

Excused: Dennis Kruck, Geovanna Salazar

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by John MacGregor. Joseph Vitale led the board in prayer; the Waukesha Catholic Mission Statement was recited.
- II. Minutes were approved from the February 17, 2015 meeting.
- III. **Old Business**
  - a. Wisconsin Parent Choice Program (WPCP) – Lisa Kovaleski and Patrick Carey attended a School Choice – Fiscal Management training at DPI. The directive is to present the most accurate cost per student to the state, for the choice student voucher. Items such as building usage charges and parishes expenses also enter into this equation. Agreements and leases need to be in place between the school and the parishes. This final budget is due to DPI by May 1.
    1. As discussed at the last meeting, our legal name is Waukesha Catholic School System, Inc. It is not clear whether we need to change our name. Our auditors did not see it as an issue. This will be discussed with DPI before a final decision is made. Further board discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.
    2. A presentation of WPCP was held at St. Joseph Parish for Waukesha parish families to get information about the program. A similar meeting is scheduled at St. Mary and St. William Parish. Letters were sent out to current families that might qualify, to encourage them to apply online.
    3. Fifteen families have applied online. Tour dates have been schedule for families to tour our school.
- IV. **New Business**
  - a. Budget Update – The budget is still under review. The original \$300,000 deficit has been cut but more cuts are needed. However, teacher contracts are due April 15 and salaries need to be determined before this date or notify teachers in writing of a contract delay. After discussion, a motion was made to move current teachers on the scale to the next step and a 1% salary increase for those not on the scale. This was seconded and all approved.
  - b. K4 Tuition – Our current competition for K4 students is the addition of K4 at St. Anthony on the Lake. Their ½ day option is 4 hours; our K4 is a 3 hour class and costs \$900 more. Currently our K4 is not subsidized by the parishes. This may eventually change. Discussions were held on tuition comparison. The K4 tuition will be voted on at the next meeting.
  - c. A parish subsidy formula agreement still needs to be established.
  - d. Trimesters – A discussion was held on changing the school calendar from four-9 week quarters to three-12 week grading periods. Conferences will be held half way through the first semester at six weeks. More in-depth subject material, with more quality assessment is the desired outcome. After more review and approval from the

Archdiocese, this decision may be forthcoming with possible implementation in the 2015-16 school year.

**V. System Reports –**

- a. Development – The auction income was reduced this year due to 32 fewer attendees and lower bids on fewer silent auction items. There will be changes next year to entice alumni for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The venue will be changed to the newly remodeled Marriott in Waukesha.
- b. Marketing & Recruitment – The current enrollment for next year (2015-16) is 465 students enrolled with 22 new students from current families, 19 students from new families, 7 students are not returning and 60 students have not returned their registration for next year. Three WPCP families have contact us out of fifteen applications online.

**VI. Committee Reports –**

- a. Athletics – The Waukesha Catholic's basketball has just finished. Track starts next week. Coaches are still needed for track. Athletics is looking to replace the bleachers at St. Joseph Campus. One estimate is about \$26,000.

**VII. Parish Reports –**

- a. St. John Neumann's Knights of Columbus held a St. Patrick's dinner last weekend. Fr. Jose is holding a soup and substance night on Wednesday night.

**VIII.** The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2015. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with a prayer.