

# Waukesha Catholic Board of Directors

April 21, 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, Joseph Vitale, Kristin Wroblewski

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by John MacGregor. Kelly Horan led the board in prayer; the Waukesha Catholic Mission Statement was recited.
- II. Minutes were approved from the March 17, 2015 meeting.
- III. **Old Business**
  - a. Wisconsin Parent Choice Program (WPCP) – Open enrollment ended yesterday. There were 46 student applicants online, 40 were valid applicants. Several did not submit needed paperwork for verification. Approximately half of the applicants are current students and half are new students/families to Waukesha Catholic. We opened 37 seats. There is another open enrollment in July. The final budget for the state will determine acceptance into the program.
    1. Monica Marchan at CMH has been very helpful in assisting Hispanic families
    2. The budget is due to the DPI on May 1. Patrick Carey has been meeting with the auditors to finalize the budget. Our school will be over \$7,200 per student. Utilization of parish staff and facilities has been factored into this equation.
    3. As discussed at the last meeting, our legal name is Waukesha Catholic School System, Inc. We will not change our name at this time. The DPI has used this name for this year. Next year we will review the name change to Waukesha Catholic, Inc.
  - b. K4 Tuition – Kristin Wroblewski completed a spreadsheet comparison using data from Waukesha County Catholic school's websites. The average tuition for the 14 other schools is approximately \$2,800 to \$2,850. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to charge our current 2015-16 K4 tuition for parishioners to \$2,750. Non-parishioner amount will stay at \$3,251. All approved.
- IV. **New Business**
  - a. Potential Summer Day Care Program – An informal survey to our families indicated there was an interest in summer day care. However, if St. Mary Campus is the location there is the festival and facilities to coordinate. There is too much to do for this summer but will be considered for next year. This program will need to break even or make money for it to be feasible.
  - b. Personnel for 2015-16 – There was a general discussion centered on the class that will be in 5<sup>th</sup> grade next year. The numbers are close to being a two room grade but may go to three rooms. Three teacher teams don't flow as well as the two team grades due to coordinating class rotations with the specialty class structure. Three scenarios were presented for a core-teacher or a subject-teacher to work in grade five. The final decision will be based on the number of students.
- V. **System Reports –**

Congratulations to Jan O'Brien, she has been awarded the Fellowship Award from the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation. She is one of 14 teachers in the state at a private school to be awarded.

- a. Development – Currently working on 52 Club Raffle.
- b. Marketing & Recruitment – There are currently 500 students enrolled. Sixteen of our current students are not returning and twenty have not registered for next year.
- c. Finance – The Finance Committee did not meet. The final review and budget will be discussed at the May meeting.
  - 1. Income from parish subsidies is less than 17%, which is the lowest number in the area. Typically the subsidy is low to mid 30's from a parish. However, the numbers in the graph only include the cash amount, other supplies and parish time is not taken into account.

**VI. Committee Reports –**

- a. Athletics – The athletic board is in the process of selecting and recruiting new members. Two individuals are leaving the board this year. Bids for the bleachers at St. Joseph are under review. The athletic board members will bring a recommendation to the May meeting to get the school board's approval.

**VII. Parish Reports –**

Fr. Howard reported that the priests met with the Archbishop ListECKI. He stated that this program (Waukesha Catholic) must succeed and be supported. The priests and a small group must come together and to reach a subsidy amount/formula that will work.

- a. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade play *Disney's Little Mermaid, Jr.* will take place April 23-26 in the St. Mary gym.
- b. The middle school students need additional service hours and they can assist parish festivals, etc. Call Joseph Heinecke and he will get the requests to the students.
- c. St. Mary Parish – The parish is taking nominations for candidates and discernment for Pastoral Council. The parish festival is June 26, 27 and 28.
- d. St. John Neumann – The parish festival is May 29, 30 and 31.
- e. St. Joseph – Fr. Bill's last Sunday will be June 21.

- VIII.** The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, 2015. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. with a prayer.