

Guardian Angels Central Catholic
School Board Meeting Notes
April 16, 2025
6:30 p.m. Rectory

The meeting was called to order by Matt Ridder.

Fr. Weeder opened the meeting with a prayer.

Roll Call was taken:

Board Members present: David Karnopp, Matt Ridder, Leanne Ritter, Carmen Schlickbernd, Tracy Schwer, Mark Wooldrik, Fr. James Weeder, Ben Borgmann (via Zoom).

Board Members not present: Allyn Knobbe and Dan Woodbury.

Matt requested holding off on approval of minutes and committee reports to let Mr. Tyler Toline give his presentation on hospital parking.

Tyler had given this same presentation to the Parish Council, and it was suggested/asked that he also present it to the school board. Franciscan Healthcare Hospital needs to expand and would like to purchase the convent and land that the parish owns for a parking lot. This would enable them to build a new clinic and then renovate the space the current clinic occupies. Fr. Weeder did state that if the parish did sell, the proceeds would help with the school's need for space. Fr. Weeder said the parish council would like to have a joint meeting with the school board to discuss this proposal. The meeting is scheduled for May 8 at 7 p.m.

Erv Eisenmenger and Dan Bracht were present at the meeting, and they expressed concern about the difficulty of doing a land donation to the school's capital campaign. Erv began a donation process in March of 2024, and is now getting finalized. Dan Bracht explained the process he had to go through to get this accomplished. Erv would like the school board to find an easier/faster way for donors to make land donations. He feels we would have more donations if it were an easier process.

Tracy made the motion to approve and authorize from the school board standpoint the receipt and sale of the tracts 1,2,3, and 4 from EIS Land under terms and conditions of the purchase agreements that have been provided with the ultimate sale to Steve and Linda Hughes of tracts 2,3, and 4 and Jesus and Maria Torres tract 1; and to authorize the appropriate officer of the corporation to execute any and all documents necessary to effect that transaction upon receipt of consent from the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Leanne seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Booster Club: Shea Stokley indicated the Booster Club is set to break even for the rest of the year. He stated it has been a good year for the Booster Club. Sue Wolff is going to take over the role of treasurer. As of now, the rest of the officers will remain the same unless someone else steps up to lead.

In regard to cross country for the next year, as of now, there are only two students, one male and one female, who have expressed the desire to participate. The current coach has decided not to coach next year. A parent of one of the athletes has agreed to volunteer to coach. The question is do we keep the program? Matt Ridder expressed that we already have the program

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established, and we have a parent coach. Shea pointed out that cross country is the least expensive sport in the entire school. The Booster Club would support keeping the cross-country program. Tracy voiced that as long as we have kids interested in it, we should keep the program.

Andrew Bradley stated that this will be under re-evaluation since we have now found a coach.

Matt asked for a review and approval of the March 2025 minutes. Leanne asked that we correct the time to 6:30 pm. Tracy said she would correct the time.

Leanne made the motion to approve the minutes. Carmen seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

SPA. Paula mentioned that Kacie Borchers told her that SPA would be hosting a teacher's lunch in the activity center catered by Fiesta Brava on May 15, 2025.

Capital Campaign: Lisa asked how the virtual meeting went over with everyone. Everyone agreed it was a good way to do the virtual meeting via email. Current numbers are:

Checking account	\$2,112.95
Money Market	\$1.931 million
Available Dollars	\$1,933,773.58
Spent to date	\$612,980.45 and nothing new pending
Collected	\$2.458 million
Uncollected/Pledged	\$2.136 million
Total	\$4,594,346.56
Matching Grant	\$87,103.67
Expenses Coming	\$788k Rutts and Boiler

Lisa will be ordering more envelopes

Catholic Day of Giving is May 7, 2025.

Lisa will be working on some Lavigne Grant publicity.

Facilities: Tracy, Matt, and Leanne met with Justin, Paula, and Andrew as a pre-meeting to get on the same page before the full Facilities Committee on what we have, what we need, and what we can afford. Due to a lack of space in the elementary, the board discussed having one 6th grade class moving to Sr. Elizabeth's room in the high school. The high school bell schedule can be turned off in this classroom. The speaker system can be turned on in this classroom so they can hear the announcements. It was decided, after much discussion and after reviewing all of the options presented, that this was the best option. These students will be moving to the high school building next year. The board decided not to move the library or steam room since that would impact the entire grade school student body, whereas this impacts just one grade. Fr. Weeder added that Rutts was here today asking about the placement of the units. Matt reiterated what was discussed with Reg initially. It was decided that Matt would have another conversation with Reg at Rutts for clarification.

Fr. Weeder also mentioned that JayFest suggested donating the Junior High Locker Room remodel. Leanne would like more conversation on this until we can produce a master plan. We

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don't want to waste any money that could be taken care of by the remodeling. Matt asked if JayFest was meeting with Andrew Bradley.

Finance: Andrew Bradley said he met with the Endowment committee, and they have given us a number on what we can anticipate from the earnings, and this will impact the tuition. Leanne asked if all of the accounts that needed to be switched over have indeed been switched over. Only three of the accounts have been done. There are still accounts that need to be closed. Leanne asked that this be made a priority because of all the time it took to organize this list. Sue has created a list of who needs to do what. Leanne requested that this be completed by the next meeting. Sue mentioned many accounts are associated with the school's EIN that we do not have authority on. Leanne will resend out the minutes listing the accounts and what is to be done with them.

Leanne asked if a Purchase Order system has been established. Sue said there are PO's in both the high school and grade school, but they are on different systems. There are still some of old habits, but we are now tracking where all of the money is being spent.

Leanne asked if JayFest could fund some of the computers for next year. Andrew is hesitant about asking for money for computers because he feels this should be a budget item. He would like it to be for something above and beyond. David K. (original JayFest member) indicated in the beginning, JayFest was established to help with needs. David suggested inviting a member from JayFest so we can express what our needs are. Per Andrew's meeting with them, they preferred that we do not include a JayFest line item in our budget.

Governance: Mark W. asked if everyone had reviewed the changes that were made. They included the selection/election process for the school board, the structure of all the standing committees, and renaming the Building and Grounds to Facilities, creating a Development committee, and eliminating the Communications committee. A list of each committee's responsibilities should be created. Because the Development committee is so large, it was broken down. There is a communication/formal grievance process, and within that, faculty and parent surveys.

The bulletin inserts will be in May 4 and May 11, and the voting will be May 18 for the election of Parish Council and School Board. People have the option of stopping by Monday or Tuesday to the parish office to vote if they were not able to make the mass that weekend. The votes will be counted on Tuesday evening. Leanne said the changes that the Governance committee made would have to be sent to Vicki Kaufold so she can review and approve the changes.

Advancement/Development: An Alumni event was held in Lincoln, and only about 8-10 alumni attended it. It was thought that in the future, we would only do one event in West Omaha. Carmen and Andrew met and discussed a possible Saturday event in August. The committee is looking at doing a kick-off for the next school year. Carmen would like to do it at the Fair Grounds if possible. It would be a fundraiser with the proceeds going to the capital campaign. Sue mentioned the Booster Club supper is also at the same time.

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President's Report: The Strategic Planning process is going to continue. They have had four listening sessions, as well as surveys, and they will meet as a Steering Committee after Easter break.

We have two teachers attending the NCEA conference in Florida. The school will be paying for this either out of the Professional Development funds or from Title II funds that we can use. Leanne asked that the teachers who went share with the staff what they learned from the conference. Paula suggested they could even report to the school board.

Tuition Letter: Andrew presented a draft of the letter to the board. The school board asked that the cost to educate be separated into grade school and high school.

The school has contracted with Clarity, and each family will have to input some information. This will help determine who may need more financial assistance.

Tuition rates. The Endowment Committee has approved a \$960k contribution to the school budget next year. The new GACC Tuition Grant of \$300 will have a check box to accept or decline this grant per child. If families choose not to take this grant, it would allow us to set up a tuition assistance program.

Mark made the motion to accept the format with the higher number and the option to accept or forego the grant. Leanne seconded the motion. Before voting, discussion was held on tuition.

Discussion:

Matt's hesitation is that this could cause division because some may say, "I paid more, so I have more say." Or, will it impact the Capital Campaign, for example, because they did not accept the grant and feel it is "their donation." Matt also prefers to keep things simple.

Mark's concern is that many feel the tuition is too low, but at the same time, he doesn't want to lose any potential students because of the cost. He feels this is a way to meet in the middle.

Leanne would like to see it this way for a year and see how many decline the offer.

Dave would like there to be a mention of how many college credits our students are graduating with.

Matt Jansen suggested putting the full cost to educate in the letter.

Votes: Aye - 6; Nay - 1 Motion passed.

The board needs to determine a name for the new grant.

Fr. Weeder closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mark made the motion to adjourn. Leanne seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Schwer