

Guardian Angels Central Catholic
School Board Meeting Notes
June 18, 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: Ben Borgmann, David Karnopp, Matt Ridder, Leanne Ritter, Carmen Schlickbernd, Tracy Schwer, Fr. James Weeder, Allyn Knobbe.

Board Members not present: Mark Wooldrik and Dan Woodbury.

Matt requested a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Carmen made the motion. Dave seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Booster Club: No Update

SPA: No Update

Capital Campaign: No Update other than the Matching Grant report is due at the end of June. The land donation has been completed and transferred to the capital campaign accounts.

Facilities: Leanne reported they are continuing to meet every other week for an hour. They are going through the process of developing a campus master plan.

Finance: David indicated they have finalized a 12-month agenda/plan as we go through the school year. All of the bank accounts have been moved over. Andrew and Sue met with Mike Bailey, Natalie Stratman, and Jermone Steffen to review all the accounts that are managed at Edward Jones. There two accounts that are not doing much. One is a CESP account that has approximately \$13k and is invested very conservatively. The other is a Resource account that has roughly \$260k and was originally set up to support our SPED program. This account is earning money. Andrew wanted to bring it to the board's attention to see what we wanted to do with it. The CESP account could be put into the budget. From the resource account, we could conservatively move \$15k a year from this account to the school budget, and it would not deplete the principal. Tracy asked how it would fit into the budget? Would it go toward salary or supplies? It was thought the last few years, Jayfest had donated money toward Resource. Andrew mentioned last year the Jayfest money we received went to janitorial (remodel) and it will again this year. Approximately \$50k. Sue mentioned the Stalp account reimbursed for the GA resource that was spent this year. It was asked if we had to do anything with the funds. Matt mentioned that since we have committed to hiring a full-time resource teacher, we should use these funds, since this is what they were intended for, instead of asking for additional funds. Tracy made the motion to have Andrew meet with Jerome to determine what would be a reasonable amount to move out of the resource account each year while maintaining the principal. Allyn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Leanne asked for clarification on what Jayfest is helping with this year. If for years we have been raising money for help with a Resource teacher and have been budgeting it and not using

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it, isn't that money still there? And, if it isn't being used for Resource, what is it being used for? Andrew replied that in our budget for this coming fiscal year, we have \$50k from Jayfest as a line item under income to defray the cost of custodial services. Leanne has been told by Jayfest members that they need to be told what they can fund or how they can help. Are we doing this? It was thought that this year, Jayfest might be able to help with the cost of new computers. David thought we need to identify what our need is and then relay that to Jayfest. It was suggested inviting the Jayfest committee to a meeting in February and let them know what our need is. Fr. Weeder mentioned part of the reason the account has accumulated funds because we were still trying to figure out what we were doing for space/remodel. Jayfest has been filling in funds where needed. David asked if the CESP money could be used to help people who are needing assistance. Sue suggested we use the money we currently have before asking donors for more. Leanne made the motion to use the CESP money to help clear up outstanding tuition in arrears. David seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Fr. Weeder asked, going back to Jayfest, if someone was going to follow up with Jayfest about computers. Andrew said he would follow up with Chris Hutchinson.

Governance: Leanne mentioned all the changes were approved last month in the handbook. These changes were sent to Vicki K. She will share the updates with Pat Flood as well. Vicki suggested putting a Grievance process in the handbook as well.

Advancement/Development: Carmen talked about the kick-off event they are planning to take place roughly a week or so after school starts. They would like to have a 4:30 p.m. vigil mass on a Saturday and invite all the families to attend and then serve hot dogs/hamburgers after. Fr. Weeder mentioned Shea Stockley also talked about doing something similar with the Booster Club, and maybe we could combine both of these activities into one event. They talked more about events/items that should be included in the annual report. This report would go out in September. Some of our teachers spoke with St. Paul's school about those students taking part in band at GACC. Leslie Kreikemeier is going to send a flyer to all students who attend CCD and work on recruiting them.

President's Report: A new teacher orientation was held. Jayfest was a success. The GACC Alumni Banquet was well attended. Justin Wardyn held a "garage sale" at the high school. The garage sale made roughly \$800. We have awarded \$109k in tuition assistance from LB1402 that helped 19 of our families. There is about \$17k pending. The office has received back about 2/3 of the tuition contracts that were sent to families. The goal is to have all the contracts back before the start of school. Currently, 15% of the families who have turned in contracts have asked about tuition assistance. Of the families that have sent back their contracts, 59 have declined the GACC Tuition Grant. This has equated to nearly \$18k in tuition assistance to give out to other families. As of the May financials, we have collected over \$52k in past due tuition from a combination of donor generosity and pursuing families in arrears. We will continue to reach out to families who are currently in arrears.

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Facility updates: At the high school, a wall is being put up in the STEAM Lab, which will turn it back into two classrooms. A replacement door for the south entrance/exit has been ordered. At the elementary, all the old air handlers have been removed, and new air handlers have been installed. Rutts is now working on running the lines from each floor to the outside of the building and the new AC units will be installed. The old boiler in the basement has been removed, and the new boilers have been delivered. At the Activity Center, the HVAC equipment has been installed. They are now in the process of running electrical and gas lines for those units. The sidewalk and concrete work outside the house on Monitor St. are finished, and work is currently underway on the NW corner of the Activity Center. The city recently replaced the pole, so the concrete will be replaced here.

Vicki wants to schedule a new board member orientation. We need to pick a date that works. We are considering July 14 or 15.

Leanne asked if the teachers who recently attended a conference would give a small presentation to the board to share what they learned.

Strategic Planning Committee: The strategic planning process continues to advance. The Steering Committee has been established, comprising various stakeholder groups. Andrew asked the board to review the pillars: Mission & Catholic Identity, Operational Sustainability, Communication & Transparency, Student Life, Academic Excellence, and Employee Experience, and provide their feedback and approval to him. The committee has established tasks (of varying numbers) under each pillar that they would like to accomplish.

Leanne asked how does this move forward? Andrew mentioned that the school administration does much of the process, but the school board is also part of it. Depending on the area, teachers could be brought in. Some people on the steering committee were interested in writing some action items. Andrew stressed this will be time-consuming and could take a few months. He also mentioned he is open to holding meetings, letting the community know we are looking at a particular pillar at this time, and ask if anyone would like to participate. Updates could be put on our website for people to see the progress.

Andrew will send a final email to the committee for final approval. He would like a response in a week.

The school board went into Executive Session.

Fr. Weeder closed the meeting in prayer.

Matt made a motion to adjourn. Allyn seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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