

## **Guardian Angels Central Catholic**

### **School Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

The Guardian Angels Central Catholic School Board met on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish rectory.

LeAnn Ritter called the meeting to order.

Father Weeder began the meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was taken. Board members present included: Janelle Nebuda, Matt Ridder, LeAnn Ritter, Danelle Smith, Ashley Strehle, Justin Steffensmeier, Tom Hagedorn, Michelle Borgmann, and Jeff Timmerman

Board members not present: Ryan Steffensmeier

School Administration present: Father Weeder, John McAndrews, and Paula Peatrowsky

School Organization Representatives Present: Paul Ridder (Development Committee)

School Organization Representatives not present: Aliza Brunsing (SPA) and Booster Club representative

LeAnn asked all present to review the September minutes. Janelle asked if Matt's name should be added to the space committee since he is now on it. Matt explained that he was asked after the meeting to be on the committee so it was not put in the minutes. Ashley made a motion to approve the September minutes. Janelle seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Booster Club:** Blayne Knobbe resigned as the Booster Club president. Donna Miester was voted in to fill the role for this year.

**Development Committee:** Paul reported that once our current funds are known, allocated by our finance committee, and approved by the school board, the development committee can then go to donors to request funds for upcoming shortfalls. The committee also needs to start focusing on estates again, and Mike Bailey will be helping with this. Tim and Joyce Stalp are ready to contribute with an annual amount from Hank Stalp.

**SPA:** SPA was supposed to have an event at the Harvest Moon pumpkin patch. Due to a power outage Aliza made the switch to a dance party in the gym that went well. SPA also provided treats to teachers during parent teacher conferences. Danelle noted that SPA's upcoming supper fundraiser was the same meal that the Booster Club does in the spring. She wanted to make sure that people ask our administration before having a fundraiser so things aren't doubled up. John and Father stated they are trying to put a better list together.

**Facilities Committee:** Tom reported that Mike Doyle is working on fixing the latches on the south door of GA.

**Finance Committee:** Justin reported that the budget is on track. Ashley made a motion to approve the September budget. Janelle seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Justin presented a teacher salary spreadsheet which showed an increase of a base salary to \$35,000 for next year and 3.5% after for ten years. This leads to a 6% total increase for salaries expense. The spreadsheet also showed a proposed increase for health insurance. If this proposal is used, it would require an additional \$750,000 for the next school year. Matt stated that there is currently over \$3 million in an interim account that is mostly for the school. A large amount of this is from Hank and Mona Stalp from the sale of their farm. Father will check to see how much of \$3m plus amount can be used by the school. Discussion followed regarding both the need to increase pay compared to the school's financial situation.

Following this, Matt made a motion to increase the base salary to \$35,000 for the 2023-2024 school year contingent on Father checking to see that funds are available for this in the interim account. Ashley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

President's report: none

Old business: John reported the Jayrun went well. The kids had fun and the event raised about \$22,000 for Activity Center maintenance. Parent teacher conferences went well.

New business: John has a committee going through and updating the handbook with a goal to be reporting to the school board by March. ASVAB testing is being taken by the juniors to give them an idea of where their strengths may lead them in terms of a career. Sophomores had a career/college day at Wayne State. PSAT is coming up. National Honor Society Applications were received from 19 juniors and seniors.

Paula reported that the fire department came for a demonstration. Paula was able to go to Wayne State to a teacher recruiting day. SPA will be having bowling afternoons for the grade school grades. Parent teacher conferences went well with a very good turnout. Gear II reimbursed us for \$10,000 for copier related expenses.

Father reported the joint parish council/school board space committee met. The committee went through all proposals from 2017 to the present. The committee narrowed this down to two proposals. One is to construct an addition to the west side of GA of 5000 sqft for an estimate of \$1.6m. The other is the North Star proposal. The committee is meeting again Oct. 26.

The board went into executive session, and shortly thereafter, came out of executive session.

The next meeting is November 16, 2022.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Janelle seconded the motion. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Ridder