

Saratoga Central Catholic School
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on March 10, 2016
6:30 pm

Members in Attendance:

Stan Weeks, Chairman
Michael Naughton, Vice Chair (arrived at 6:45 pm)
Mary Gavin, Secretary
Lew Benton
Fr. Tom Chevalier
Fran Dingeman
Jerry Leone
Dawn Martinez
Becky Stauffer
L. Stephen Lombard, Principal

Other Attendees: **Kayla Henry, faculty**
 Dan Masi, faculty
 Thomas Gould (arrived at 6:40 pm)
 Mary Guarnieri, Interim Development Director

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Weeks.

Fr. Tom offered an opening prayer. Mr. Lombard asked the board to keep Tom Bisnett's son-in-law, Kathy Carson, Maria Izzo's mother, Bridget Holmes and Christine Lee's family in our prayers.

Mr. Benton moved to approve the minutes of the February 11 meeting. Mr. Leone seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Lombard introduced Mr. Masi and Ms. Henry who presented an overview of Common Core math. They presented a comparison of the 2005 New York State Standards to the Common Core Standards for middle school and high school math, some detail of the curriculum for each grade from 6 through 12, and a summary of the testing progression.

Next month's presentation will be regarding the use of equipment acquired with the grant money we received from Maria College

State of the School Report was presented by Mr. Lombard

- **Mr. Lombard reported that current enrollment is 250**
- **Mr. Lombard reported on tuition in arrears**
- **Mr. Lombard reported that 32 of our seniors have received college acceptance letters, together with more than \$8.5 million in merit scholarships**
- **Enrollment applications for next year are strong and above what we had last year at this time.**
- **120 of 208 reregistration packages have been returned. Deadline for re-registration fee is Monday, March 14th. Registrants after that date will pay an additional fee of \$50.**
- **Mr. Lombard reported that The Little Mermaid performance by our students was a sold-out show and a very enjoyable performance.**
- **Mr. Lombard reported that the varsity boys basketball team won the Section II Championship in Class C**

- Mr. Lombard reported on a number of winter sports awards received by our coaches and students.
- Mr. Lombard reported that Mrs. Dubois moderated the Moody's Math Challenge. Results of the challenge will be reported upon receipt. Details can be found on the website under the extra-curricular activities tab.
- Mr. Lombard reported that on March 19th, five teams will go to the Odyssey of the Mind competition in Glens Falls. Mrs. Dubois moderates this team.
- Monday, March 14th a faith formation day is being held for our teachers and others from the Diocese.
- Open house is scheduled for March 16th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.
- Mr. Benton asked whether there was an update on the international student plan. Mr. Lombard reported that while he would like 2 -4 students, he had no formal update to report at this time.

Development Committee

- Mr. Benton reported that the committee met on March 7
- At that meeting the Interim Director of Development submitted a report
- The Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, May 27
- Mrs. Guarnieri distributed a copy of the alumni appeal letter which is being mailed on Friday, March 9 (approximately 2,400 letters will be mailed).
- Mr. Benton reported that an application for a grant will be submitted to the Rotary Club for replacement of the school's front doors. That application is due on April 1.
- Mr. Naughton reported that the committee is working hard on the golf outing and expects strong attendance.
- Beacon of Hope Ball is to be held April 22nd at Albany Country Club. Ms. Gavin will provide an auction item for SCC to donate.

Finance Committee

- Mr. Leone reported that the Finance Committee met to review the income statement through February and the forecast for the balance of the year.
- Tuition in arrears remains a concern of the committee.
- Mr. Leone reported that the results of the gala have made a significant difference in our year-to-date financial performance.

Facilities Committee

- No report was provided.

Financial Aid Committee

- Ms. Gavin reported that the committee has not met since our last board meeting, but we will begin meeting as soon as FACTS reports are available.

Strategic Plan Committee

- Mrs. Martinez reported that the Strategic Plan Committee has not met since the last meeting. The committee is awaiting comments from Mr. Pizzingrillo on the strategic plan, and those comments are pending some progress on the Advanced Ed certification.

Mission Enhancement Committee

- Dr. Weeks reported that the committee did not meet since the last board meeting.
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Enrollment Committee

- Mr. Naughton reported that the open house is scheduled for next week, and that some additional efforts were made in Clifton Park and Glens Falls to attract potential students from those areas.
- Mr. Benton suggested that we make some public announcements regarding the availability of the Bishop Hubbard scholarship to those graduates of SCC that attend Siena College.

Nominating Committee

- Mr. Leone reported that the Nominating Committee would be meeting within the next week or so regarding to-be-filled positions on the board.

School Liaisons

- Mr. Leone attended the SMSA March meeting. They reported on a successful open house. Bishop Scharfenberger will be visiting the school on April 22nd. School nurse reported that 40% of their students are non-Catholic, and so perhaps outreach should be made at other Christian churches. Capital campaign to begin for a new roof. Advanced Ed accreditation underway.
- Ms. Gavin reported that she was unable to attend the February meeting but intends to attend the March meeting. She reminded the committee that the St. Clement's Spring Ball is Friday, May 13th at Saratoga National.
- Dr. Weeks reported that there was no St. Mary's board meeting since our last meeting. Mr. Lombard reported that he and his wife attended the St. Mary's gala.

Mrs. Martinez reported that next year's gala will be held on Friday, January 28, 2017 at the Excelsior.

At 8:10 p.m., the meeting was adjourned with a prayer offered by Fr. Tom.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m.