

Saratoga Central Catholic School Board

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Saratoga Central Catholic School Board was called to order at 5:00 on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 by Chairperson Mary Fornabia. Joe Kilmade gave the opening prayer. The meeting took place in person.

Present

Mary Fornabia-Chair, Michael Kondratowicz,-Vice Chair, Sandy Blanchard (via phone), Terrill Brown, Jeff Pompa, Lisa Moser, and Joseph Kilmade, school principal

Absent

Laurie Tomita

Bill Darcy

Fr. James

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to accept the October 27, 2021 meeting minutes by Lisa Moser and was seconded by Terrill Brown. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Introduction of Guests

No guests were present at the meeting

State of the School Report: Joseph Kilmade, School Principal

- 208 students currently enrolled
- Long term sub acquired to fill Mrs. Mulkern's maternity leave. Mrs. Fanning is a licensed mental health counselor
- Covid has had minimal impact on school. Cases are handled as they arise. Student have access to remote learning if they will be out for an extended period. On site, weekly testing is taking place with unvaccinated staff
- Winter sports are beginning on schedule. Interest survey will be sent to families in all 4 high schools to garner thought on a Diocese football team for the fall.
- FACTS set up of registration and re-registration process
- Report cards and honor roll reported to the FACTS family portal
- St. Ambrose and Catholic Central merger could impact SCC enrollment

Committee Reports

Advancement/Development (Mary Fornabia):

- Winter Giving Gala flyers sent out. Follow up with potential donors for sponsorships taking place. Families are asked to sell 2 raffle tickets and board members are asked to sell 5. All support is appreciated.

Enrollment (Sandy Blanchard):

- Katie Dunn is still interested in supporting enrollment
- Discussion on potential members is occurring
- Diocese position has been created to help with advancement efforts

Facilities (Jeff Pompa/Joe Kilmade):

- All parties welcome the idea of a lease agreement between the school and parish for work/use of the parish center
- Communication with the parish to make clear the tremendous improvements made to the parish center have a major benefit to not only the school but the church
- Heating system is working but repairs have been approved and will be made
- Cleaning service is struggling with quality. Diocese is negotiating a decrease in price.
- Capital project under review. Potential 6 mos. plan for some major, much needed, renovations

Mission Enhancement (Joe Kilmade):

- Fr. James Ebert and Fr. Kyle Corenski are now Co-Chaplin's for SCC. The school is excited to begin this partnership and anticipate a greatly presence on campus

Finance and Financial Aid (Michael Kondratowicz):

- Discussion to move meetings to 5:00pm as 3:00 has proven challenging for members
- Health insurance cost are down
- Purchase of bus on hold as further evaluations take place
- Tuition in arrears has decreased
- Additional secretarial support has been tabled for now

New Business

- Potential board nomination will be given by Terrill Brown

Old Business

- Details on volunteer hours for students and parents are being worked on with Mrs. Cronin and Mr. Kilmade

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Mary Fornabia and a closing prayer was given by Joe Kilmade.

Minutes submitted by: Sandy Blanchard