

**Saratoga Central Catholic School  
Board of Trustees**

***Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 30th, 2025***

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Saratoga Central Catholic School Board was called to order at 5:35 pm. Chris Signor led the opening prayer.

**Present**

Dan Kumlander- Chair, Jeff Pompa – Vice Chair, Trish Dugan - Secretary, Chris Signor – School Principal, Mike Lenz, Lisa Moser were present. Rose Place and Father James Ebert were absent.

**Approval of Minutes**

There was a motion made to accept the March minutes by Chair Dan Kumlander, motion was seconded by Mike Lenz and passed.

**State of the School Report: (Chris Signor, Principal)**

- Regent's testing begins Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and the last day of classes is Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Moving up ceremony is also that day for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and Graduation is Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Principal Signor met with several companies about the roof. Some recommended overlay products, some recommended complete teardown. The roof is engineered for two layers and already has three layers along with asbestos. Some companies could not abate asbestos, so they did not bid. One company rebid because they now work with a subcontractor abatement company. The plan is to work with the Diocese for funding and utilize funds from prior galas and grants along with help from the parish. The roof that is most in need of replacement is over the gym. The plan is to start the gym roof late spring, early summer. Principal Signor and Vice Chair Jeff Pompa are planning on meeting with the Diocese soon to discuss contingency funding. Phase two will include the remainder of the roof over the classrooms and will be planned out while phase 1 is in process.
- A motion was made by Chair, Dan Kumlander to request the Diocese for \$100k from contingency funding and the school will put up \$129k to get phase 1 of the roof repair over the gym completed. Motion was seconded by Jeff Pompa.

Motion Passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**a. Advancement and Development (Lisa Moser)**

- 100 plus golfers are signed up for the golf outing as of April 30, 2025. \$8k raised so far with sponsors. There wasn't a 50/50 raffle at this year's gala, it will be part of the golf outing. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$20 a piece with a maximum of 250 to be sold.

## **b. Enrollment and Retention (Nikki Hartmann)**

- Nikki Hartmann reported to Chair, Dan Kumlander
  - Re-registration currently finished at 161 students out of 179, which is 89%. Currently we have 209 students actively enrolled.
  - Potential students and families are still touring and shadowing. Shadows will stop in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May.
  - There have been 35 new student applications.
    - 30 – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders (12 applications - St. Mary's BSPA, 10 applications - St. Clements, 8 applications – Other), 1 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grader, 2 – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, 1- 9<sup>th</sup> Grader and 1 – 11<sup>th</sup> Grader.
  - The idea of having a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade seminar was discussed along with a buddy system for existing students to buddy up with and look out for new students. The possibility of peer ministers in middle school will be proposed to Pat Douglass.
  - Interim Guidance Counselor Mrs. Constantino will be staying on for the next school year along with Mrs Mulkern. Having 2 guidance counselors will help assist with acclimation of new students navigating SCC.

## **c. Mission Enhancement (Trish Dugan)**

- The Campus Ministry Report was submitted by Pat Douglass. The Peer Leaders continue to lead morning prayers and pledges. They are also writing their own prayers according to the days in the Liturgical calendar.
- Service Club has completed over 12 service projects this year. They collected over 4,000 band aids for the Children Infusion Center of Albany in their final service fundraiser for the 2024-25 school year.
- The Campus Ministry Calendar:
  - May 2<sup>nd</sup> - May Crowning
  - May 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat
  - May 12<sup>th</sup> – Applications for Peer Ministry deadline
  - May 15<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat
  - May 9<sup>th</sup> – Boces prom – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade will host, sponsor and chaperone
  - May 30<sup>th</sup> – Final Senior Mass 9:30 am St. Peters Church
  - May 30<sup>th</sup> – Brunch at St. Peter's Parish Center – Awards Ceremony
  - June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Seniors and peer ministers will be going overnight at the Pyramid Lake facility if approved by the Diocese.
- Religion / Theology Report from Rita Penny
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade will finish learning of the life of David, focusing on God's Forgiveness and Psalms Praising God. 7<sup>th</sup> grade is working through Jesus' teachings, the Eucharist and the Commandments. 8<sup>th</sup> grade is finishing the Middle Ages, the Crusades and common Catholic devotional practices. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade is working on their final project for the year, which will be a scriptural reflection on bible stories.
- Theology Report from Tom Horn
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade is finishing up the spread of Christianity, early Saints, persecution, heresies and the church counsel, along with the church in the Middle Ages. Theology 11 is finishing up the Sacraments of Healing and Service and will focus on penance, reconciliation, Holy Orders, Matrimony. In May, the focus will shift to the gift of being human and making moral

decisions, hearing God's voice, character and virtue. Theology 12 is finishing up life and dignity of the human person, rewards and challenges of family life. They will focus on the human person, abortion, other beginnings of life and end of life issues. In May the focus will be on the call to holiness through marriage, preparing for marriage as God's plan, chastity, dating, the Christian family, rewards of marriage and family life.

**d. Finance (Dan Kumlander)**

- Operations through March 2025 are in the red \$164,123 compared to the budgeted loss of \$92,424 through March 2025. Most of the difference of \$71,698 is due to lost funding of \$58,453 from MST-NYS over anticipated amounts to be received and partial payment for a minivan of \$15,000 from prior year surplus that was not budgeted.
- Beacon of Hope - \$30k in annual scholarships to Saratoga Central Catholic School, regardless of donations raised from annual Community Spirit Award recipient donations.
- A/R for tuition in arrears is now being handled in house. Letters are being sent to families by Principal Signor and Heather Bott to address in a timely manner.

**e. Facilities (Jeff Pompa)**

- Vice Chair, Jeff Pompa will be meeting with Principal Signor and Lisa Moser to discuss building and grounds upgrades.

**f. Nominations (Lisa Moser, Jeff Pompa, Rose Place)**

- Saratoga Central Catholic is seeking community members for the BOT. Candidates should be Alumni, community members or parents of graduating students.

**Additional Agenda Items**

1. **Old Business:** Discussion was had on current and future use of Senior Center. It appears that the current use is as identified per the City Charter.
- There was a motion to adjourn by Chair, Dan Kumlander, seconded by Vice Chair, Jeff Pompa. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm. Principal Signor led the closing prayer.