



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

6:00 PM, Lower Campus Library

Board Member Attendees: Patrick Ellis, AJ Fossel, Joel Postma, John McMahon, Merri Baxter, Jamel Debri, Daniel Longo, & Joe Schuler

School Staff Attendees: Joe Gietzen, Darrell Beckwith & Amanda Cusack

Excused Absences: Father Christopher

Joel Postma opened the meeting in prayer at 6:00pm

Agenda approved by consensus.

January minutes approved by consensus.

Joe Gietzen gave the Principal's report. He highlighted events that occurred during Catholic Schools Week, including Pack the Pews at St. Alphonsus and the whole school mass also held at St. Alphonsus. Upper campus and second grade students have participated in Reconciliation and weekly Stations of the Cross. Mrs. Connette's brother visited the lower campus to share about the Navy and other armed forces. Staff participated in a professional development day with Dr. Marygrace Tyrrell, and eight staff members attended the Excellence in Teaching conference in Notre Dame. ASA has received a grant from the St. Alphonsus Educational Endowment to create a natural playspace at the lower campus. Dollar jean days through Lent will go towards the Community Food Club. The Power of Purpose fundraiser is going well with approximately \$27,000 raised so far. This money will be put in the tuition angels fund. The third annual musical, led by Mrs. Zarzecki was a huge success. Upper Campus band students have played the National Anthem at both the Griffins and Gold games; they will be playing at the Whitecaps game on April 14.

Joe Gietzen gave an enrollment update. We are almost at the same enrollment numbers for the 2024-2025 school year as compared to the 2023-2024 school year. There are a handful of families that have not yet committed to returning and tours still on the schedule. Enrollment for K-8 for 2024-2025 is anticipated to be at or above that of the 2023-2024 school year.

Joe Gietzen updated the board on staffing concerns due to the early maternity leave of our school counselor. Joe presented a candidate for consideration of the board for a short term placement. Members discussed the candidate's qualifications. Joel Postma moved to make an offer to this candidate. Approved by consensus.

Darrell Beckwith presented a financial update.

AJ Fossel brought up the need for a new strategic plan. Joe Gietzen shared the path to creating a strategic plan in relation to our recent reaccreditation.

Patrick Eillis closed with prayer at 7:10pm