

Diocesan Catholic School Board (DCSB)
Cathedral Square Center - Room D/E
Minutes
Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Meeting called to order by Dave Sipka at 6:35pm.

I. **Prayer** offered by Dave Faber.

II. **Roll Call:**

Present: Jill Annable, Andrew Blum, Rev. Tom Cavera, Dave Faber, Rosa Fraga, Sue Haas-Williams, Phil May, Rev. Mark Peacock, Dick Schneider, Dave Sipka, John Vande Guchte

Absent: Deacon Bill Charron, Jo Jones, Roberto Torres, Leah Wareck

Others Present: Conrad Cuncannan, Zach Good (Sacred Heart Academy), Shelley Hofmann, Sean Maltbie (Sacred Heart Academy), Sr. Rosita Schiller

III. **Communications:** none

IV. **Approval of May Minutes:** approved as written.

V. **Discussion Topics:**

A. School Feature – Sacred Heart Academy – Sean Maltbie

- **Mission** – Sacred Heart Academy (SHA) is a Parish Apostolate dedicated to assisting families, forming Catholics, and cultivating culture. SHA is responsible for sowing the seeds to grow the kingdom of God here on Earth. SHA assists families through forming children in the image of Christ through Church teachings and as an extension of the home. Forming Catholics includes embracing full Sacramental Life of the Church. SHA is not college prep or career prep, but rather it is salvation prep. SHA cultivates culture through instilling transcendentals of truth, beauty, and goodness.
- **What is a Classical School?**
Classical education is for forming a whole human being. It is centered on the Trivium (grammar, logic, and rhetoric) and the Quadrivium (arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy). SHA's focus includes: integrity, history, beauty, formation, and Christocentricity.
- **Programs** include: Fulltime Montessori (ages 3-6), Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (1 day/week, ages 3-6), Primary School Grades K-2, Grammar School Grades 3-5, Middle School Grades 6-8, High School Grades 9-12, Classical Enrichment Courses (CEC) for grades 1 through 12, two days per week, two-year cohort with 2-year rotation of courses,
- **Current enrollment trend** – Prior to 2014-15, SHA experienced a steady decline in enrollment. However, beginning in 2015-16, enrollment has increased dramatically each year.

B. BCSI Update – GRACEAC Athletics Update (Conrad Cuncannan)

• **GRACEAC Executive Committee**

We have re-energized the GRACEAC Executive Committee which plans to meet about six times throughout the year. Some adjustments were made to the bi-laws. New officers of GRACEAC include: Frank Marshall (President), Sean Trudeau (VP), Tony Fischer (Secretary), and Pat Kalahar (Treasurer).

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- **Football program** - We are transitioning to a Catholic United football model aligned with the high school football programs. We anticipate two teams at the 5/6 and 7/8 levels on both the east side and west side, for a total of eight teams.
- **Equipment valuation** - We are taking into account the equipment schools provided, and we are giving these schools a credit to account for this equipment donated.

C. Bridging Faith & Future Progress Communications Planning

The last two DCSB Superintendent's reports have been formatted differently to document progress on the Bridging Faith & Future (BFF) strategic plan. Dave and Sue will be meeting over the summer to develop a communication plan in an easy-to-read format for the community.

VI. **Committee Reports**

- A. **Admissions Committee:** report included with agenda was reviewed. Based on the feedback from families the Admission Advocates have met, the Admissions Committee has begun to research the expansion of transportation, particularly with St. John Vianney School, with the goal of implementation in the 2019-20 school year.
- B. **Finance Committee:** no report.
- C. **Strategic Planning Committee:** no report.
- D. **Executive Committee:** no report. Sr. Rosita Schiller and Father Godfrey Onyekwere have agreed to join the DCSB. Please keep an eye and ear open for new board members, especially committee members.
- E. **Mission Effectiveness Committee:** no report.
- F. **Marketing Committee:** no report.
- G. **Development Committee:** report included with agenda was reviewed. The Development Committee is working on revamping its goals while continuing to support diocesan development efforts.

VII. **Superintendent/Asst. Superintendent Reports (questions addressed):**

Enrollment at this time is 103 more students over this time last year. We are also reporting positive numbers three weeks earlier than last year.

Jill shared Spring 2018 MAPS data. A board member asked: how do we ensure that the schools are using the data to develop teachers and teaching methods and how, as an alliance of Catholic schools, can we help schools utilize the data to strengthen teaching throughout the diocese? Another board member asked Jill to report back in a year on what has been done with the MAPS data.

VIII. **Action Items:**

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- A. Election of officers (Chair and Vice Chair) – Dave Sipka will serve as Chair again, and Rosa Fraga will serve as Vice Chair.
 - B. MHSAA 2018-19 Membership Resolution – The board unanimously voted to adopt the 2018-19 MHSAA membership resolution.
- IX. **New Business:** The annual Back to School Celebration will be held on August 14. Keynote speaker is Jonathan Doyle. Invitations will be forthcoming.
- X. **Closing Prayer:** Prayer for Enrollment Growth was prayed by all.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 18, 2018.