

**Diocesan Catholic School Board Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM**

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| I. | Dave opened with prayer at 6:34 p.m. | Dave | (2 min.) |
| II. | Roll Call | Tim | (2 min.) |
| | Present: Tim Thimmesch, Teresa Reid, Kevin Simon, Sr. Colleen Ann Nagle, Sarah Grey,
Virtually present: Fr. Darrel Kempf, Luzia Tartari, | | |
| | Also present: Luke Cunningham, Brad Sturgell (virtually) | | |
| | Absent: Cheryl Butkus, Doug Anter, Sue Haas-Williams, Kristina Martinez-Precious, Fr. Peter Damian | | |
| III. | Approval of February Minutes | Tim | (2 min.) |
| | - February minutes were approved by all present | | |
| IV. | GRACEAC Update - Questions Only | Brad Sturgell | (10 min) |
| | - Brad presented news about increased participation in all sports and positive receptivity to the Virtues Program | | |
| V. | Written Committee Reports Linked Below – Feedback and Questions only | | |
| | A. Admissions | Luzia | (5 min.) |
| | - Luzia and Doug will meet next Monday to plan their summit breakout session | | |
| | B. Building and Grounds | Tim | (5 min.) |
| | - Bottom line: drinking fountains in most of our schools will need to be replaced, changed to filtered water | | |
| | - Perhaps this will be integrated into the Building & Grounds/Finance Summit breakout session | | |
| | C. Development | Teresa | (5 min.) |
| | - Teresa summarized recent and upcoming activities: Catholic Foundation hosting Wine + Wills and Love & Charity events | | |
| | - Breakout session topic and description have been finalized | | |
| | D. Finance | Kevin | (5 min.) |
| | - Questions were raised about the best practices policy manual for capital campaigns and the last time it was updated. Discussion focused on locating the manual and making relevant portions available to schools that may be considering a campaign. | | |
| | E. Marketing | Doug | (5 min.) |
| | F. Mission Effectiveness | Sr. Colleen | (5 min.) |
| | - Elizabeth Black and three priests are poised to present at the Spring Summit MEC breakout session | | |
| | G. New Members | Cheryl | (5 min.) |
| | H. Strategic Planning | Sue | (5 min.) |
| VI. | Superintendents' Written Report – Feedback and Questions only | Dave, Sarah | (10 min.) |

- Dave reviewed recent school board visits to SS. Peter & Paul and St. Anthony of Padua
- Sarah reviewed the accreditation site visit at Muskegon Catholic Central and recent campus career fairs
- There was discussion of teacher compensation and tuition increases given current economic situation

VIII. Discussion Topics

A. [Revised Board Vision Metrics and Strategies](#) following Bishop's Feedback Tim & Dave (20 min.)

- Discussed and revised board vision and metrics per the Bishop's suggestions at February board meeting
- Luke will compare the revised document to the initial document and note changes before submitting to Bishop

B. Summit Agenda Planning (see [planning sheet](#)) Dave (20 min.)

- Dave suggested that the opening session include substantive prayer, a "catechetical moment"
- Sr. Colleen suggested discussing the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis this July
 - Provide a guide to the events/talks taking place this summer, many of which will be accessible online
 - At the outset, promote what our schools have done in the past year concerning the Eucharistic Revival
 - Sr. Colleen will invite everyone to this wonderful opportunity
 - Ideally, participants will take what they received back to their boards
- Deadline to submit breakout topics: **Wednesday, March 27**

IX. Closing Prayer - [Bridging Faith & Future](#) All (2 min.)

***To avoid static feedback, please mute microphone if joining remotely.**

IX. Adjourned at 8:36

[2023-24 Meeting Schedule](#)

MISSION

We prepare students to seek and fulfill God's plan for learning and life.

VISION

Be a collaborative and strategically focused body delivering leadership, mentorship and expert recommendations that enhance the quality and growth of our Diocesan schools.