

Cedar Valley Catholic Schools
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2012

In Attendance:

Parish	Pastor	Lay Representative
Blessed Sacrament	Father McDermott	Mary Nichols Margaret Klein
Queen of Peace		Mike McNamee Matt Colwell
Sacred Heart	Father Jaeger	Kim Reiter Mark Russell
St. Edward	Father Kopacek	Mark Gallagher Katie Anderson
St. Patrick		

Absent: Father Comparan, Suzanne Benda, Jim O'Connor

CVCS Office:

Jeff Frost	Director of Education
Deb Thurman	Business Manager

Administrators:

Julie Niemeyer	Sacred Heart
Amy Sandvold	Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta
Tom Ulses	Columbus High School
Nancy Stirm	Blessed Sacrament
Pam Schowalter	St. Edward

Finance Committee:

Steve Duggan

Call to Order: Mark Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm. Kim Reiter led the group for opening prayer on Stewardship.

Approval of Minutes: Father Jaeger made the motion to accept the December minutes. Mark Russell gave the second. The motion was passed.

Correspondence: Condolences to Bob Moore on the death of his mother. Condolences to Dick Van Biesen on the death of his wife. Condolences to Ana Celia Fix on the death of her father.

Action Items: Finance Committee approvals - Deb Thurman

Deb Thurman reported that two families will not be allowed to register for the 2012-2013 school year because of nonpayment of tuition.

Mary Nichols moved that the Board approve the Finance Report. Father Kopacek seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Finance Committee Bylaws - Jeff Frost

Jeff Frost discussed the new bylaws for the Finance Committee. Mary Nichols moved that the Board approve the Finance Committee Bylaws. Katie Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Information: Jeff Frost handed out the Administrative Report and Report to Parishes. He also handed out the current enrollment numbers which show we are up.

Amy Sandvold handed out the construction schedule for Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta which shows that we are three days ahead of the original schedule. Her report included the hiring status as well as start and end times for the school day.

New Business: A Catholic Schools week activity sheet was handed out by Jeff Frost. Distinguished alumni from each school will be honored at masses on January 28-29. There will be an all system (plus St. Patrick) liturgy on February 1st at 9:30 am. An all system "Family Picnic" will be offered on February 2nd at 6:30 pm. Free will donations will be accepted. An all CVCS staff celebration will be on February 3rd at the Knights of Columbus after school.

Jeff also described a proposal to incentivize Grant writing for CVCS. Select people would be allowed to write Grants for CVCS and receive 10% of the total Grant, up to \$50,000, as payment for their time and trouble. Jeff will further explore this proposal.

In-Service: Jeff Frost encouraged us to read the Archdiocesan Leader Gram.

Old Business: Jeff Frost reported that mold testing has been completed at Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart. Both schools are fine and mold free.

Jeff also reported that with the latest Ia. Dept. of Education State Accreditation Visit report, we should be proud. We are still getting compliments.

Executive Session: Father Kopacek made the motion to go into Executive Session. Father Mc Dermott seconded the motion. The motion was passed. We went into Executive Session at 6:07 pm.

Father Kopacek made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mark Russell seconded the motion. The motion was passed. We came out of Executive Session at 8:58 pm.

Action Items: Margaret Klein made the motion to approve the 5% recommended tuition increase for 2012-2013. Mary Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mary Nichols made the motion to approve a \$25 technology fee for Pk - 4 year olds and a \$50 technology fee for K-5 for 2012-2013. Katie Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Father Kopacek made the motion to give both Certified and Non-certified staff a 2% raise for 2012-2013. Kim Reiter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mark Gallagher made to motion to adjourn. Mary Nichols seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Thursday, February 2, 2012. The prayer will be led by Margaret Klein.

(Submitted by Margaret Klein, Secretary)