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Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Present: Darcy Woolf-Chair, Steve Foos-Vice Chair, Tim Luc, Cyle Stull, Greg Streaker, Otto Gonzalez, Fr. Michael Roemmele, Alex Darr, Nate Waleryszak and Tom Stierwalt. Unable to attend Fr. Chris Kardzis.

Administration: Anthony Fontana, Head of Schools, Pam Snell, Business Manager present. Mike Gabel, SJCC Principal unable to attend.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Michael

Review of November, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion to approve Alex Darr and seconded by Cyle Stull. All approved.

Principal's Report – Mike Gabel stated that there have been a few complaints about the stringency of the Religion classes. Students are adjusting to the level of expectation for Religion. The basketball locker room situation has been dealt with and punishment fulfilled.

Executive Committee /Head of School – Grade 6 will be moving to SJCC next year. Room 103 and 105 are the additional classrooms. Gary Geller will move to Rm. 304. The back stairway will be used mainly by the Junior High. Anthony said other classroom changes are possible such as making the media center an English lab. Mike Gabel sent a survey to the teachers in grades 6-8 and asked their teaching preferences. Fr. Michael suggested that all new hires have a teaching degree not just a non-tax license.

Grace Community Church is closing their PreSchool program. We are already receiving calls about enrollment for next years.

Committee Reports

Catholic Identity – They met the previous Monday and the report is not available yet. They are working with the school on activities for Catholic Schools Week and Streak for a Day.

Building and Grounds – Jeff Mosser's position is not being replaced until spring. Greg would like to hire one with a boiler license. Until then Walter's will be used. Bus 12 has been approved to be repaired by the Finance Committee.

Zimmerman's looked at the foundation by the cafeteria that is having issues. Before asphalt is down they will dig a footer tile. Approx cost is \$1,500. The SJCC cafeteria has not had heated for 3 years and the 3rd floor unit is not running properly. The coils are leaking. Walter's said approx. cost is \$10,000.

At Sacred Heart some thermostats not working. Some classrooms are extremely hot while others cold. One boiler is down and the cost to fix is \$2,500. Sacred Heart Parish agreed to pay \$900.

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Steve suggested that we hire someone to get a plan on all projects that need to be done. Names were brought up and contact will be made to see if there is an interest.

Marketing – will be meeting in January.

Finance - Tuition delinquencies have gone down. Slight cash flow problem due to Ed Choice receivables. The Annual Fund is ahead of 16-17 as last year is not used as a comparison.

The number of failing schools in Ohio has doubled opening up the Ed Choice Scholarship. All FCS are considered failing except the Middle School. The state looked at the tuition worksheets and how schools were getting the max amount. New laws in place now. Discounts must come off the top. Parish support will be a standard deduction.

The Finance Dept recommends 2% tuition increase. A motion to approve a 2% raise for faculty and staff was given by Alex and Fr. Michael seconded it. All approved with Steve Foos abstaining.

Feb. 1, Ed Choice applications opens. It is suggested to give current families a two-week window to apply followed by new families in mid-February. Even though the number of families applying for Ed Choice is sure to increase Pam Hines is confident that she can handle the extra paper work.

Steve made a motion to adjourn and Tim seconded it.