

IC School Committee Meeting

9/13/16

Members present: Fr. Mike Wensing, Carol Dagel, Angel Oeltjenbruns, Jesse Briggs, Rita Williams, Angie Bevers, Patty Foley, Anne Hanson, and Michelle Himmerich

- I. Opening Prayer – Fr. Wensing
- II. Agenda
 - a. Fr. Wensing requested to add notes from meeting with both Priests and Bishop. Approved.
- III. Introduction of new School Council Members
 - a. Angie Bevers and Jesse Briggs
- IV. Brief Explanation of the School Council's Role
 - a. Building Better Boards - Handout provided to new members that existing members have.
 - b. School Council regular schedule meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the school library during the months of Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar & Apr.
- V. Officers for the School Council for 2016-2017
 - a. Handout: Charter of the Watertown Catholic School Council Article IV Officers
 - i. Bylaw VII Article 2 – Council to include Bishop, Pastors, Principal, three active members of IC & HN Parishes.
 - ii. Council operates by consensus.
 - b. President – Michelle Himmerich
 - c. Vice-President – Anne Hanson
 - d. Secretary – Patty Foley
- VI. Secretary Report
 - a. Minutes from the last meeting – approved.
 - b. Savings account amount corrected.
- VII. Principal's Report
 - a. Current enrollment 207 students
 - b. Speech Therapy services will continue to be provided by the Watertown School District and will provide transportation to the Roosevelt School for services.
 - c. Crisis Management Plan – Reviewed with all staff. Safe Area agreement with the United Methodist Church.
 - d. SB 159 Tax Credit Scholarship Program – A few of our families are recipients of funding this school year. Family can receive up to \$2500.
 - e. Virtues – This is year two of teaching the virtues. Theme for year is HOPE.
 - f. Strong Catholic Schools Campaign – Fundraising goal to raise money for the teachers' salary of \$65,000 achieved.
 - g. Catholic Community Foundation at Diocese and IC School Foundation working on agreement to create a Watertown Catholic Community Foundation with a staff member in the community focused on long-term fundraising in the northeastern part of SD.

- h. 100% retention of staff for 2016-2017. At April meeting a \$1000 signing bonus had been approved. Priests met with staff as an opportunity to communicate openly. Received positive feedback and many shared their appreciation of having the ability to share their faith and the teachings of God and Jesus.
- i. Only 2 students moved to the Intermediate School.
- j. 2016-2017 Calendar provided.

VIII. Financial Report

- a. 2015-2016 Financial Review – overall a good financial year with few unexpected expenses.
- b. 2016-2017 Cost per student ~\$5000
- c. Software upgrade includes increased security identification for staff and KOT families.

IX. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Marketing – Sample of newsletter provided. Goal is to have 4 per year.

X. Diocese Policy Manual – provided to council members

XI. Bishop & Priests Meeting

- a. Fr. Mike provided a summary of the meeting between Bishop Paul Swain, Chancellor Matt Althoff, Fr. Paul & Fr. Mike as the 4 Directors of the Watertown Catholic School Corporation. The meeting was an opportunity for all to raise issues and have an open discussion of subsidy, overall operations, co-superintendents, maintenance work, etc.

XII. Closing Prayer