

St. Cecilia School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 7, 2019
St. Louis Room 7:00 PM

Members: Mike Dolan, Neal Molitor, Colin Murphy, Mike Cowan, Fr. Secora.
Administrator Present: Sara Rooney
Others Present: Board members from FIRE Foundation of NE Iowa.
Absent: Barb Read, Pablo Raúl Stinga.

Opening: Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM

Prayer: Prayer led by Sara Rooney.

Agenda Changes: None.

Approval of Previous Minutes: April (4/20/2019) minutes approved by consensus.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- FIRE Foundation Grant. St. Cecilia School received \$1200 grant from FIRE Foundation of NE Iowa. Funds will be used to send staff to Professional Learning Committees to promote inclusion.
- Handbook Approval 2019-20. Minimal typographical revisions required. Neal Molitor motioned to approve the handbooks with the changes. Mike Dolan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Preschool teaching position. Sara Rooney reported that she has a candidate to which she would like to offer the preschool teaching position. This will be presented to the Board in June.
- Strategic Planning, Excellence in Catholic Schools. This is a four-year commitment to participate in the initiative. It will require a team of 4-8 individuals. The discussion will be moved to unfinished business for the June meeting because there is more information to present to the Board following a telephone conference tomorrow, May 8. If St. Cecilia participates, then there is a June 14 deadline to apply.

Visioning and Catechetical/Faith Formation Planning:

- Fund-a-Need – Spirit Project Update. Meeting with Mr. Read to review designs for mascot, mural and saint icons.
- Ms. Rooney NCEA Conference Update. Great conference with educational and networking opportunities with other Catholic school leaders.

Principals Report:

- Emergency Operations Planning update. Sara Rooney attended a workshop on April 11 with Jeremy Hess. She anticipates having a completed Emergency Operations plan to approve at the June Board meeting.
- STO Update. Thirty-four families applied prior to April 15 deadline. Notification of awards on May 15 (school) and May 24 (parents). Additional families will apply for round two. The Iowa legislature approved \$2 million in tax credits for STO.
- FACTS Tuition Management. Company that processes STO awards will begin handling tuition payment management starting this fall.
- May Activities and calendar discussed.

Committee Reports:

- Marketing: Coffee and donuts, ISU outreach, summer party and first day of school signs.
- FSA: Past officers reelected.
- Finance: No update.
- Faith Formation: No update.
- Pastoral Council: New security system for church and school: \$76,000.
- Facilities: No update.
- Election, Constitution & Bylaws: Election weekend approaching. Four school board candidates.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Next meeting will be June 4, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the St. Louis Room. *Submitted by Colin Murphy*