

School Board Meeting
August 22, 2024
Schrup Family Board Room

Board Members Present: Dan Walsh, Jeff Weber, Fr. Steve Rosonke, Annie Murphy, Maggie Kramer, Mike Dodds, Kevin Mullen, John Callahan, Isabelle Pattarozzi, and Fr. Dennis Quint

Board Members Absent: Kristi Lynch

Staff Present: Bob Noel and Phil Bormann

Meeting began with prayer at 5:30 p.m.

The board welcomed new board members, Jeff Weber - Nativity Parish, Maggie Kramer - Resurrection Parish, and Annie Murphy - St. Anthony Parish and also welcomed Fr. Steve Rosonke back to the board as the Deanery Representative.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from June 20, 2024 were included for review.

- **Kevin Mullen moved to approve the June 20, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Jeff Weber seconded. The motion carried.**

Foundation Discussion

Bob Noel, Director of Advancement, was present to discuss the idea of a foundation for Holy Family to help support the mission of Holy Family Catholic Schools. The vision of the foundation would be to oversee and execute annual giving, raise funds and awareness for special capital campaigns, oversee planned giving, and secure assets for the sustainability of Catholic school education in Dubuque. A separate board of 5-9 members would govern the foundation but work closely with the school board. Bob also discussed the naming foundation, legal structure, by-laws and governing documents, along with the financial management, reporting and accountability.

The board discussed and gave permission to continue exploring the idea of a Foundation for Holy Family and will seek insight from the Finance Committee as well.

Chief Administrator Report

The theme for the year is “This is my Body” with a focus on the Eucharist. Faculty and staff gathered on Friday, August 12 for an afternoon of faith formation. Anthony Digman, a theology teacher at Beckman and Catholic speaker/author, spoke to staff on the origins of the Eucharist. Following the talk, staff prayed an all staff Mass together asking the Holy Spirit to bless and guide the school year.

K-12 enrollment for 2024-2025 currently stands at 1699, a three percent increase over certified enrollment last year. The 2024 Homecoming Tailgate has been scheduled for Friday, Oct. 4 at Nativity.

It has been one of the strongest professional development summers with various opportunities for teachers and staff. Two administrative work sessions were held this summer to align on system goals, review data and system professional development for the year and unite new and former administrators. Canvas is the new learning management system and will be used by all secondary teachers and for core teachers in grades 4-5.

Holy Family's Central Kitchen is getting the finishing touches and will be ready to cook out of on the first day of school. St. Columbkille demolition is well underway.

Holy Family is fully staffed for the school year. It was a strong hiring season with the majority of new hires heading to Our Lady of Guadalupe and Wahlert Catholic High School. Fr. Jeff Frieden will be the Mazzuchelli Catholic and Wahlert Catholic Chaplain this year. He has met with school leadership and kicked off the year with Mass.

School Safety Update

School safety is visited annually by the School Board. Phil provided an update to the board regarding school safety including updated phone systems, cameras, and door security throughout the buildings. The Rave panic button was implemented with staff and testing has taken place. Law enforcement also came in for an intruder training with staff.

Verification of Email Votes

- **Kevin Mullen moved to approve the verification of email votes made for the hiring of Gabrielle Dreska and Dave Tharp. Isabelle Pattarozzi seconded. The motion carried.**

Orchestra Trip Approval

Phil shared that Ayla Murphy, Orchestra Director, has requested permission to take the orchestra students to Dayton, Ohio for a trip.

- **Mike Dodds moved to approve the orchestra trip to Dayton, Ohio. John Callahan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Executive Committee

Phil shared that each year the board nominates a chair, vice chair and secretary positions for the board that also serve on the executive committee with the Pastoral Coordinator. The executive committee meets monthly to help provide direction for the system.

- **Annie Murphy moved to approve the 2024-2025 executive committee of Dan Wlash - Chair, Kevin Mullen - Vice chair, John Callahan - Secretary, and Fr. Dennis Quint - Pastoral Coordinator. Mike Dodds seconded. The motion carried.**

Committee Representation

A list of Holy Family committees and current board membership was shared with the board. Phil expressed that the board should have a presence at each committee level and requested members for committees that did not have a current representative. Board members discussed which committees they will represent.

Fr. Dennis Quint gave a final blessing and the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.