

**Lumen Christi Catholic School  
School Commission Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 8, 2019,/ 6:30 pm**

Attendees: Joe Russell, Beth Crowley, Megan DeGuire, Kelly Fyfe, Julie McCarragher, Angie Lenzen, Dave Sortino, Paul Manning, Kim Althaus.

Absent: Patrick Harvey, John Germano, Craig Miller, Steve Sewart.

- 1) November minutes approved with a motion by Angie, all in favor.
- 2) No guests for open session.
- 3) "Word on the Street"
  - a) PE curriculum – parents are hearing from their kids that it's not as fun as last year. Kelly discussed that last year PE was structured to be more game based vs. skill based. This year the curriculum is structured to follow the National PE Standards standards which focus on skill development. Games are incorporated as well. Kelly's monthly parent memo addressed this in October. Kelly encouraged parents to meet with the teacher at the upcoming Parent Teacher Conference if they have specific concerns regarding their child.
  - b) Soccer goals – parents wondering if these will be replaced. Kim updated that yes, this is the plan.
- 4) 2019 - 2020 School Calendar
  - a) Kelly reviewed the proposed school calendar. Notable items:
    - Spring Break at the end of March, consistent with many schools in our Deanery as well as public schools.
    - Move to trimester schedule. Kelly will include more background in her February monthly parent memo.
  - b) Group suggested moving the February conference day to 2/17 (Presidents Day).
  - c) Calendar approved with above change. Motion by Angie, all in favor.
- 5) 2019 – 2020 School Tuition
  - a) Kim reviewed the recommendation from the School Finance Committee for tuition for the 2019-20 school year. She noted that setting tuition rates at this point is necessary because of registration kicking off, but that the rest of the budgeting process hasn't started.
  - b) School Commission would like to see more communication regarding the referral credit available to current families. School Commission approved increasing the credit to \$1,000, with all of the existing rules still applying.
  - c) School Commission approved the tuition rates as proposed:
    - i) 5K-8 parishioner rate \$4450
    - ii) 5K-8 non-parishioner \$7625
    - iii) 3K & 4K 5 day full day \$5400
    - iv) 3K & 4K 5 day half day \$4200

- v) 3K 3 day full day \$3700
- vi) 3K 3 day half day \$2550

6) Grading System

- a) Kelly provided an update on the grading change mandate from the Archdiocese. Since our last meeting, Kelly and Julie M attended an Archdiocese workshop and also met with our Deanery. Our Deanery principals agree that this Archdiocese policy as written needs to be looked at further to meet the needs of our students in our Deanery. Our Deanery will be working together to write priority standards to reflect what the students know and what they need to know. They are also having discussions about what is the best way to report student progress to students and parents that promotes academic growth (ie: overall letter grade in 6-8, how are standards assessed (letter vs. number).
- b) All Deanery schools have a specific time set up with Sue Nelson from the Arch to review where we are in the process and what the next steps will be.
- c) Kelly and Julie are also attending a second meeting at the Cousins Center with all principals from the Archdiocese and representatives from the Archdiocese Office of Schools.
- d) The Deanery's goal is to have this implemented for the 2019-20 school year, although there is a lot of work to do to develop these "power standards". Kelly will know more by our next meeting.
- e) All communication and parent info sessions would be run at the Deanery level.
- f) Next meeting: further discussion regarding the Deanery's draft approach.

7) Registration and Enrollment update

- a) Megan gave an update. Tours have started. Attending a pre-school fair. Re-registration opens the week of January 15th. In the process of looking at vendors that could do digital marketing for us at a reasonable price.

8) Parish Council request

- a) Parish Council asked each commission to consider the impact of the church rebuilding on project on meeting space. School admin team is looking at this. Specifically, the 8th grade graduation mass & reception will be in St. Cecilia Hall, and the dance will be in St James Hall.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

**2018-2019 Meeting Dates:** Sept 11, Nov 13, Jan 8, Mar 12, May 14

### Commission Members / Committees

- a) Secretary – John Germano
- b) Finance – Paul Manning
- c) Development – Steve Sewart, Angie Lenzen
- d) Evaluation – Robin Handal
- e) Technology – John Germano, Craig Miller
- f) Policy – Dave Sortino, Patrick Harvey, Beth Crowley

Pastoral Council liaison – Joe Russell