

**SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 11th, 2024

Springfield Catholic High School 6:00 PM

Present: Jane Fairchild, Fr. Kiefer, Msgr. Reidy, Sr. Cecilia Ann, Paige Duda, JoAnne Bailes, Ashley Harris, Margaret Calliotte, Cheryl Bond, Becky Conroy, Ryan O'Reilly, Jeanne Skahan, Larry O'Reilly, Mike Johnson, Fr. Lewis Hejna

Absent: Kent Lammers, Boyd Crockett, Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, Michelle Auzias de Turenne

Guests: Casey Wilkerson

OPENING PRAYER 6:02 PM Msgr. Reidy opened the meeting with a prayer.

In the absence of Kent Lammers and Boyd Crockett, Jane Fairchild lead the meeting.

REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS

The December minutes and January Consent Agenda items were reviewed prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the consent items and minutes was made by Ryan O'Reilly and seconded by Fr. Tom Kiefer. The motion was approved.

GUEST: Casey Wilkerson spoke about security at each of our schools. He mentioned that each of the school protection officers are building relationships with all the staff and students to build a good foundation between them. Casey mentioned that there were incidents at Immaculate Conception and St. Agnes where the school protection officer was greatly needed and was able to handle the situation. He continues to work with all of them on giving presentations on safety to the classes.

REPORTS

Financial Statements: Margaret presented the December financial statements. A motion to approve the financials was made by Ryan O'Reilly and seconded by Fr. Tom Kiefer. The motion was approved. Margaret presented the enrollment numbers. PS is up by 5, K-8 is down by 2 and the high school is down by 3.

Director of Schools: Sr. Cecilia Ann is continuing to work on Grants for security and learning loss issues. Both St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Agnes have received their welcome email to set up their class wallet for the EANSIIa Grant. Utilization of the DESE grant is starting to happen, and it is going well. Only the DESE Grant works on a reimbursement model. We are still on hold regarding the Federal Grant. Sr. Cecilia Ann emails once every week or every other week to inquire. Brian Pyck will be speaking at the school board meeting in February to give us an update on his present work and his hopes for the future. Bishop Rice has approved the purchase of the Music Booster trailer. Immaculate Conception, St. Agnes, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton are taking part in a Kids for Kids project through The Giving Square. This is a philanthropic program geared toward 4th grade. It includes 8 lessons and focuses on helping students research non-profit organizations in their community and determining which one they would like to donate money to – to assist with their mission. The Hatch Founding is sponsoring this program for our schools – paying for the curriculum and the \$1000 donation each class will give to a non-profit. Discussions on the 2024-25 school year calendar are still underway. Principals have been discussing the school theme for the 2024-25 school year. February 16, 2024, is the SCS in-service. Rachele Parker will give a short 30-minute witness talk about her conversion to the Catholic Church – highlighting the importance of the Eucharist. Greg Miller is also coming to talk to us about artificial intelligence and how it can be positively used to differentiate instruction, etc.

Director of Development: Becky reminded everyone that Emerald Evening will take place on February 24, 2024. The Development Board is supporting Emerald Evening in soliciting Sponsorship's. The Emerald Evening Committee is working hard on auction items and is looking for unique 'Live' items.

They have 3 great event chairs, but this event needs the support of the entire system. If you are interested in sponsoring or donating an auction item, Becky asked that you let her know. Catholic Schools week kicks off on January 27/28th with speakers at each parish. These will be students, parents, and teachers there to thank the parishes for their support. Fun events will be taking place at each of our schools including service projects, open houses, and parties. The week will end with the Phone-A-Thon on Sunday, February 4th. Calls will be made by our high school students. This year they are adding a text component that allows supporters to give directly via links provided during the week leading up to the Phone-A-Thon. This year's goal is \$30,000. Shepherds' Fund is currently working on scheduling dinner parties and revamping the website. The marketing committee is focused on recruiting new families/students for the '24/'25 school year. There is a postcard in the mail to families who had a child baptized locally who will be 3 or 4 as of Aug 1. We will have a 'Private School' profile with 417 Magazine going live next month. They will do some paid targeted ads on social media during Catholic Schools Week. They are exploring ways to reach PSR families and have materials available in the cry rooms. The Alumni Association will host a social event next Friday, January 19th at the boys' basketball game. Alumni will receive free admission and there will be a 50/50 fundraiser to support the Alumni Association.

OLD BUSINESS: Sr. Cecilia Ann presented second readings for the following policies:

- 1.38 Student Drug Testing
- 1.38A Guidelines for Student Drug Testing
- 1.38B Drug Testing Consent Form

A motion to approve the policies was made by Fr. Tom Kiefer and seconded by Ryan O'Reilly. The motion was approved.

Policy 1.39 Student Bullying will be presented again next month with changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLOSING PRAYER Fr. Tom Kiefer closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.