

School Committee Minutes
October 11, 2017
IHM East-West Room

Call to Order: Chair Matt Crockett, at 6:33pm.

Attendance: Rick Artibee, Matt Crockett, Bill Drake, Lisa Galbraith, Kelli Hansen, Renee Hornby, Angela Johnston, Colette Scrimger, Kizito Ssemakula, and Mary Margaret Utess.

Unable to attend: Michelle Corey, Kelly Johnston, Danielle Martin, and Mario Medina.

- ◆ All joined in the **opening prayer** and Matt read our **Mission Statement**.
- ◆ The **September 13th Minutes** had been mailed earlier and Matt asked for any changes. There were none, and Colette moved to approve; Kelli seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by consent.
- ◆ **Athletic Advisory Council (Standing) Report** – Athletic Director Bill Devine was unavailable, and there was no information available. Members are encouraged to refer to Bill’s reports in the School Bulletin.
- ◆ **PTO (Standing) Report** – PTO met in advance of the School Committee meeting. Angela and Bill attended and learned about the group’s plans for the upcoming Adult Social on November 3rd, the Boxtop collection competition, teacher appreciation ideas during conference days, and upcoming spirit activities.
- ◆ **“Just Letting You Know”** – Angela reviewed her report to the School Committee for October and commented on several items that are included in that report.
She also sought feedback and direction from the Committee concerning the school uniform policy. Members provided suggestions for a common-sense approach while still maintaining the integrity of that policy. (What is currently available in the marketplace is problematic, and the school recognizes that.) Angela will do the suggested updates to the Uniform document and ensure the changes are also reflected in the student handbook. Notices will also be in the School Bulletin.
- ◆ **Members Roundtable** – Several matters arose from those in attendance and were discussed.
 - Rick had asked about the feasibility of hosting a 5-K Run to support the Gym initiative (or any other needed school needs.) Discussion ensued, and it was suggested Members ask around to see if there was enough interest – and parents available to spearhead the event – to consider moving forward in the future.
 - Kelli had questions and concerns about funds that are generated from “donated sporting event tickets”, etc. Angela responded that such money has traditionally been put directly into the Goeddeke Scholarship fund to assist school families. Angela will research the suggestion more, looking into whether “donors” specify where the resultant funds are to go to, etc.
 - A line of discussion that actually began last month, i.e., the ongoing requests for funding-over-and-above-tuition, resumed to possibly look into using some of those generated funds to support other aspects of the school operation, (lunchroom supplies being just one example.)

- Colette expressed her concern of the perceived increased pressure-to-support (this year) the Adult Night baskets' initiative, etc.
 - Kizito asked about the school's efforts to work with students who come from homes where English is not the primary language spoken. (Renee was actually able to cite the census of such students from last year.) Angela covered the inquiry and indicated she would provide a breakdown of this year's figures at the November meeting.
 - Following up on Colette's draft of a calendar of "extra expenses during the school year" at last month's meeting, the Committee had been mailed an overview of Expenses-Above-Tuition prior to this October meeting. Both documents served to heighten awareness of the subject, and Angela indicated the office will keep a list of such requests for the foreseeable future.
- **OLD BUSINESS** – Items were covered in other discussion areas.
 - **NEW BUSINESS** – Items were discussed in another area.
 - **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Angela distributed an article she authored for School Bulletin concerning (sic) "**Taking a Knee**" during our Pledge or during the National Anthem. The well-placed document was the result of her meeting with school administrator Fr. John Byers, and it stems from concerns expressed at the school by several people. Angela did not specify the frequency of the new practice, i.e., daily, weekly, etc. Those in attendance were generally in support of the initiative.
 - **Petitions and Closing Prayer** - Our group joined in the Hail Mary for Nancy Murphy, for Nancy's mom, for Mary Margaret's granddaughter (surgery), for Lisa Galbraith's family; for Michelle's family on the loss of her mother-in-law Rose Corey, for our entire school family, the success of the Adult Night, for the 'gym project', and for any other personal intentions.

ADJOURNMENT - Matt adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

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| <u>Next Meeting:</u> | Date: | Wednesday, November 8, 2017 |
| | Location: | IHM East-West Room |
| | Time: | 6:30pm |
| | Prayer: | All Pray the Opening Prayers |
| | Mission Statement: | Chair Matt Crockett |

Future School Committee Meeting Dates: (All Dates Are Subject To Change)

January 10, 2018
February 14
March 14
April 11
May 9

Edited and Submitted by Bill Drake, Secretary to the School Committee

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