

GRACE Board of Trustees
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Minutes
6:30 pm - GRACE Administrative Offices

Members present: Bill Micksch, Chuck Gustafson, Mark Kralovec, Phil Busch, John Hanley, Dan Bins, George Georgia, Marv Wall, Sheila Kujava, Mary Burich, Amy Pautzke, Lisa Jackovich,

Others Present: Kim Desotell, Donna Meulemans, Kay Franz; Principal at Resurrection/St. Matthew

Members not present: Chris Steier, Mary Ann Brunette, Sue Amtmann, Alan James, Susan Wirtala, John Peterson, Matt Bumgardner

- 1) Opening prayer: Mary Burich
- 2) Motion made by Marv Wall to approve the August 11, 2015 Board of Trustee minutes; seconded by Mary Burich; motion carried. Motion made by Chuck Gustafson to approve the Education and Catholic Identity, Human Resources, and Finance Committee minutes; seconded by Mary Burich; motion carried.
- 3) Open Forum – Kay Franz: St. Matt/Resurrection reorganization update
 - a) The committee continues to meet each week.
 - b) We completed the family sessions for both schools; they were well attended by parents and priests.
 - c) St. Matt's will host grades EC – 4, Resurrection will be the site for grades 5 - 8, due to school set ups.
 - d) St. Matt's is considering starting a birth to three program due to the school's location
 - e) The next big session will be at ST. Norbert Abbey September 27th. This session is designed to help families with the transition, closing with a mass with both Fr. Kabat and Bishop Morneau presiding.
- 4) President's Report – Kim Desotell
 - a) Kim attended an Enrollment Summit with GRACE, SNC, NDA to talk about how to grow enrollment in all areas and work together.
 - b) We will be moving toward a new enrollment vendor, TADS, to handle our enrollment, financial aid, etc. as they encompass all our needs under one umbrella.
 - c) Kim will script a talk for the mass presentations for the Annual Appeal.
 - d) Two events coming up for SJP II, Benefactor Appreciation Night on Sept. 10th and the second one is Nov. 3rd, held at the Bemis Center at SNC. This event is to share the formation and the vision of SJP II.
 - e) Kim would like to have Brad Norton on the October Agenda for a meet and greet.
 - f) Notification has just come in that Olagmar Amor has officially accepted the principal position for STM School. She will begin her appointment next week.

5) Committee Reports

- a) Education and Catholic Identity – Chuck Gustafson
 - i) Discussed principals attending the ECIS meetings to listen and give input on any issues or ideas they may have.
 - ii) Tech plan for grades 6 and up - evaluating how the Chromebooks have impacted the students, and if we should expand it to lower grades
 - iii) Catholic Identity Assessment Project - Pretty large project, still in planning stages. The first two schools to use it would be Holy Cross, and Holy Family. Crystal Blahnik and Jim Clark are the two lead principals.
- b) Human Resources Committee: Mary Burich
 - i) We continue to work on a number of policy refinements and will present them at the upcoming meetings.
- c) Strategic Planning – No report
- d) Finance & Facilities – Marv Wall
 - i) Audit is still not complete as of this date, we will have the current financials to present at the October meeting.
 - ii) How to account for the Endowment Funds held at the Catholic Foundation will be determined at the next meeting.
 - iii) Recommendation by the Finance committee to go with Wipfli for our new audit firm. Motion made by Chuck Gustafson to accept Wipfli for our new audit firm; seconded by Dan Bins; motion carried.

Other Business

Bill would like one member of the board to attend the Board Training Session and report back to the board the findings of the meeting.

GRACE would like to have 100% commitment of donations from the Board of Trustees prior to the kick off weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.