

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

Members present: Bill Micksch, Sue Amtmann, Dan Bins, Mary Ann Brunette, Mary Burich, George Georgia, Alan James, Chuck Gustafson, Bill Micksch, Amy Pautzke, John Peterson, Chris Steier, Marv Wall, Susan Wirtala

Others Present: Kim Desotell, Donna Meulemans, Crystal Blahnik - St. Bernard Principal, WPCP parents

Members not present: Matt Bumgardner, Lisa Jackovich, Sheila Kujava, John Hanley, Phil Busch

- A. Opening prayer: Sue Amtmann
1. Motion made by Marv Wall to approve the November 10, 2015 Board of Trustee minutes; seconded by John Peterson; motion carried. Motion made by Chris Steier to approve the Education and Catholic Identity, Finance, and Human Resources Committee minutes; seconded by Marv Wall; motion carried.
- B. Open Forum: WPCP parents were welcomed and we opened the floor to questions. There were no questions.
- C. School Update: Crystal Blahnik, Principal St. Bernard
1. Accreditation Visit is 2/23-2/25, report will be done first week of January for submission to the diocese.
 2. The new school logo will be revealed to the community on 1/22/16 with a 1/2 Birthday celebration for St. Bernard as well as a pep rally to celebrate our school identity name and new logo.
 3. Enrollment activities are being planned and the school now has an active marketing committee. The goal is to increase the enrollment by 20 students for the 2016-2017 school year.
 4. Monthly stewardship efforts include Ben's Wish, My Team Triumph, Homeless Veterans, Diabetes Awareness, local Foster Care Shelter, and more.
 5. Latino Enrollment Initiative partnership with the University of Notre Dame is going well and there is now a monthly group called the Madrinas y Padrinos meeting one time per month to focus on Latino enrollment, recruitment and retention efforts. The recent site visit went well with the UND mentor, Manuel Fernandez
- D. President's Report – Kim Desotell
1. CatholicLink tours went very well, very positive responses from all who were there. Tours were conducted at NDDP, St. Bernard and St. Thomas More. Principal Amor presented to all in attendance regarding the blessings and challenges of serving a diverse student body. Her presentation was well received.
 2. Kim hosted an appreciation luncheon for principals and SAC members which was well attended. The intention was to begin dialogue to enhance a sense of

community within our GRACE SAC.

E. Committee Reports

1. Finance & Facilities - Marv Wall
Short overview of finances was presented

2. Education and Catholic Identity – Sue Amtmann
 1. Catholic Link tour on Nov. 30 – Catholic Identity was observable, the quality of education was notable throughout the 3 schools visited; excellent partnership between principals of St. Bernard and St. Thomas More for resource sharing to grow Hispanic culture in both schools.

 2. Catholic School Identity Tool- December updates – we have all of the results and will study them to be prepared to fully discuss at our January ECIS meeting and to report to the BOT.

 3. Update on program evaluation process: Lisa Gruber, Supportive Consultant at St. John the Baptist is developing the process and using it for the WCATY (Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth) program. This will provide a model which will be shared with us in March.

 4. Future item for January – Summary MAP scores from Kim.

3. Human Resources Committee: Mary Burich
Policies presented for approval: Unpaid Leave, Problem Resolution and Progressive Discipline. Motion made by Marv Wall to approve the above policies; seconded by John Peterson; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.