

GRACE Board of Trustees
June 14, 2022
Minutes
6:30 p.m., Riverside Office Training Room

Present: Sue Amtmann, Nick Anderson, Jessica Beauchamp, Mary Burich, Leah Cohen, Ed Kippley, Chet Lamers, Bill Micksch, John Peterson, Chris Steier, Marv Wall, Kelly Williams

Others Present: Kim Desotell, Gerry Faller, Lori Ashmann-Recorder

Not Present: Dan Bins, Amy Pautzke

Bill Micksch called the meeting to order with an opening prayer.

1. Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Kelly Williams and seconded by Nick Anderson to approve the April 12, 2022 Board meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion made by John Peterson and seconded by Mary Burich to approve the presented Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried.
2. President's Report: Kim Desotell presented her report and highlighted the following.
 - a. Enrollment: A synopsis of 2022-23 enrollment was provided. Questions and discussion ensued concerning overall and school specific dynamics in addition to retention.
 - b. Parish Verification Form: The enhanced verification process continues with positive feedback. It is anticipated that the onset of billing plans in July may result in some inquiries which will be serviced by Riverside Office staff.
 - c. Academic Year 2022-23 Highlights: A slide show was presented featuring each school.
3. Board of Trustees Chair Report: Bill Micksch reported on the following.
 - a. Committee Membership: Bill Micksch reported the addition of two new members to the Board's Education Committee: Patty Nennig and Michelle Wagnitz. Sue Amtmann provided a brief overview of the new members.
 - b. Meeting Schedule 2022-23: The schedule of meetings for 2022-23 was presented. Motion made by Leah Cohen and seconded by Sue Amtmann to approve the schedule as presented. Motion carried.
 - c. Board of Directors Meeting: Kim Desotell recapped the May 4th meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board addressed experience with the Parish Verification process, approved the budget and approved the addition of St. Patrick's Oratory to the Board.
 - d. Politics in Education: Bill Micksch presented the topic requesting feedback concerning need to vet communications political in nature. There is has been an increase in occurrence of inquiries. Discussion followed and it was agreed to form an advisory subgroup from the Board to assist.
 - e. Letter of Inquiry: Bill Micksch reviewed a communication concerning potential involvement with GRACE. Discussion followed and recommendations for next steps were made. Kim Desotell will respond to the sender, and the Trustees will submit input on criteria for further consideration.
 - f. Gratitude: Bill Micksch extended appreciation to Chris Steier for his years of leadership upon his resignation from the Board. Chris Steier will be wrapping up his work as Chair of the Facilities Committee in June and expressed his continued strong support and advocacy of GRACE.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Catholic Identity: Sue Amtmann reported that an update will be available in August.
 - b. Education: Sue Amtmann reported that the curriculum cycle has been enhanced to seven years, Laura Blicharz has been elevated to the Director of Curriculum, new members are being onboarded, Carrie Gossens with Technology Integration will be reporting to Superintendent Drew Mulloy, the availability and use of technology devices has grown,

questions to the Help Desk are evolving from basic issues to higher level of request, the Voice of the Customer summary reports from the principals have been received and will be addressed over the summer and Committee is excited to embark on the updated strategic Plan goals and action plans.

- d. Finance:
 - i. Financials: Marv Wall reviewed the April financials which are tracking to budget and year end is expected to be positive. Sarah Green is looking into investment options for reserve funds; this work has been comprehensive, and the Committee will continue moving forward.
 - ii. Federal Funding: Gerry Faller presented the Federal Funding Summary and reviewed the elements of pandemic support.

It was announced that the GRACE Finance Team Leaders resigned for a new opportunity and a candidate has been hired to replace. A Director of Technology Services has also been hired. Discussion followed concerning technology at St. John Paul II Classical School and the clarification regarding EANS continuation through September 2024.

- e. Human Resources: Mary Burich reported the compensation study is underway and work will continue over summer. The Committee is also addressing the option of adding a learning management module to Paylocity.
- f. Facilities: Chris Steier reported that the Committee has collected the top five issues at each school site and will be meeting on June 28th to address and categorize needs. Some needs are already being addressed.

- 5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 9, 2022