

Redeemer Lutheran Board of Christian Day School Education  
5-23-2023

Voting Attendees - Jean Blank, Wilena Hughes, Angel Callewaert, Deb Braley, Rachel Satterfield, Sandy Casey

Non-Voting Attendees - Karyn McChrystal, Kathy Hand, Jessica Wittcop, Amy Grace Duncan, Jane Smith

Debbie opened the meeting in prayer.

The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. Sandy motioned and Angel seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resource Officer** - Deb, Angel, Karyn, Amy Grace and several school parents met. The parents shared information about how another private school in the area is supporting a full time resource officer. It was a productive meeting. The proposal went to the church council for discussion. The sub committee met again last night. Their goal is to create and implement a sustainable plan to support a full time officer. Deb shared a detailed slide regarding specific steps the committee will be taking toward this goal. Angel gave an update on her discussion with Officer Hogan. He felt we'd be able to get a free patrol car, and he felt it would be possible to have an officer in place rather quickly, and definitely by the first day of school in the fall. He felt we could use the same contract that was used by St. Joseph's. Officer Hogan would be interested in the position. He stated he likes to be involved with the students, and not spend time in the office. The importance of including the church in these plans was discussed. Communication with parents during the process of establishing an officer was identified as another goal. Amy elaborated on why parents have security and safety concerns.

**Auction Update** - The Auxiliary Committee, which approves purchases made with auction funds, consists of the school principal, one teacher, (Jessica shared that Crislyn has volunteered for this position), this school board director, the PTO chairperson, the auction chair, a pastor, and Redeemer's financial officer. The funds from the February 2023 Auction are now available to be spent. A specific reporting of the funds available is expected in the next week. The estimate of funds available from the recent auction is around \$80,000.00.

**PTO** - The PTO held 4 events in May. The events included the Mother's Day Store, Doughnuts with Dad, Teacher Appreciation Week, The End of Year Water Day (upcoming) and a reception after the Pre-K graduation this Friday. Amy Grace plans to attend a teacher's meeting next week to get input from the teachers for next year. Next year's officers will be Amy Grace Duncan President, Madison Swanson Vice President, Katie McCarthy Volunteer Coordinator, Jennifer McCaleb Treasurer, Karen Sidwell Secretary

**Teacher's Report** - An update from individual teachers is made available to all board members on the shared document in the School Board Share section of the shared School Board Drive.

**Curriculum** - Jessica Witcop reported. Jessica and Sonny chose the Savvas Math program. This is the curriculum currently used by the middle school. They presented it to the remaining teachers and it was approved by the staff. One reason they chose Savvas was because of its rigorousness and emphasis on higher level problem solving. Jessica is working with the company representative regarding training. Additionally, Jessica reports there is a plethora of videos from the company to assist with training. Because auction funds are part of the funding being used to purchase the curriculum, approval by the Auxiliary Committee is required before it is purchased. The board will expedite this process.

**Algebra students took their EOC** last Thursday. The results will be in at the end of June or beginning of July. Jessica is waiting to hear if we will be a testing site next year. She expects to hear over the summer.

Jessica shared the importance of extra support needed for the middle school teachers. Jessica shared that the teachers are at risk of being burnt out. Jessica shared that they do not have the ability to pull out individual students who need one on one support. In addition to teaching multiple classes and supporting struggling students, the person will need a planning period. Help with covering specials would also be helpful. Jessica feels the need for an additional teacher as well as a potential counselor should take priority when considering new staff.

**Finance** - Nothing new.

**Administrative Meeting**