

**Redeemer Lutheran Board of Christian Day School Education**  
**General Board Meeting**  
**1-23-2024**

Voting Attendees - Jean Blank, Sandy Casey, Deb Braley, Willena Hughes, Angel Callewaert

Non-Voting Attendees -Cristina Rose, Karyn McChrystal, Kathy Hand, Rebecca Painter, Pastor Ted Andrada, PTO representative Madison Barnes

The meeting was opened in prayer.

The revised School Board meeting schedule was presented. The work group meetings will be held the 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:30 and the regular school board meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5:30. This is a change from the previous schedule due to a request that monthly school board meetings be held prior to monthly Finance and Council meetings.

**Minutes Review of Previous Meetings**

Work Group Meeting on 11-26-20233 - A question was raised about the future of tuition increases. Deb described the need to level-set for the upcoming school year, and that this magnitude of increase is not expected in the future. A second question regarding allocation of registration fees was addressed. It was shared that the School Board updated the itemized list of items covered by registration and it will be shared with parents soon. Willena moved and Sandy seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Work Group Meeting 1-9-2024 - Sandy moved to accept the minutes and Willena seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

School Board Minutes - 12-12- 2023 - Sandy moved to accept the minutes. Jean seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PTO Update** - Madison reviewed for PTO.

**Past Events**

Advent Service Participation. It went well. Request to change the day for Advent services if possible so the two performances would be closer together. Karyn explained that the church's Wednesday advent service schedule is not something that has flexibility.

The Ram Run was canceled due to lack of participation.

Donuts with Dad went well and was well attended.

## **Upcoming Events**

Grandparents day is this Friday.

Chick Fil A fundraiser - Chick Fil-A is donating 100 sandwiches which will be sold for \$5.00 each for an SRO fundraiser.

Registration and Re-Enrollment - Madison shared a concern among some parents regarding several families who did not have students accepted into the Kindergarten class because the class was full. There are two families who have older siblings but whose Kindergartner did not get into the Kindergarten class. There are other families whose kindergartner did not get into who did not apply in time. Discussed the concern. It is recognized that having 2 4 y/o classes and one kindergarten and one first grade class makes it difficult to accept all the students whose parents would like to enroll them in Kindergarten and 1st grade. We do not have space to add additional classes. Changes to address this require church and school wide long term planning.

## **Auction Report**

Deb reviewed the report from Sarah Anderson. Preparations are going well. The current sponsorship commitments have covered the cost of the auction. All funds collected the night of the auction will be profit.

Deb shared the sponsorship letter sent to businesses by the Auction Committee requesting sponsorships.

The list of confirmed and pending auction items was viewed.

## **Auxiliary Charter**

Parts of the charter were displayed. The item addressing project planning and the approval process for use of Auction Funds was viewed.

The board reviewed a teacher generated list of brainstorming ideas with commentary from Karyn for potential purchases.

## **Action Item**

Karyn will reach out to Sarah to follow up on potential Auction sponsorship items. The Auction is in 2 ½ weeks so anything that can be done in that timeframe will be an option.

## **Teacher Report** Cristina Rose reported,

Teacher reports highlighting the many wonderful activities taking place in our classrooms were reviewed.

Angel shared information about a program where students work together to create a novel. The company "publishes" the novel for free and then parents can purchase it.

**Action Item -** Angel will share the information with Karyn who will share it with our teachers.

Jen Snyder shared that she needs a new projector as her projector died.

**Action Item** - Karyn will follow up with Jennifer.

The teachers would like to be present to provide input when items they've brought to the board, or other items about which they have expertise are discussed and decided. The board is appreciative of teacher input and finds it essential to good decision making. Board members and leadership will strive to include valuable teacher input to the fullest capacity, and will include teachers in decision making whenever appropriate. Deb shared that the board will look at how we can increase teacher participation in discussion. Deb recommended that the teachers go to Karyn if they have questions regarding board policy decisions as she is their representative to the board.

Science Curriculum Recommendation - Cristina reported.

Middle school has been using the SAVAS science curriculum, which is the Science Curriculum the curriculum committee is recommending. The curriculum evokes higher order thinking, has labs, virtual labs, and career related information. It presents the lab before the lesson to get kids thinking prior to covering the subject matter in detail. The tests and quizzes are online. Tests and quizzes always have a written paragraph section for higher order thinking responses. The curriculum presents text at lower, mid-level and higher reading levels. The committee consisted of teachers from lower through upper grade levels. Cristina reviewed other curriculums that were considered. Karyn shared that the committee has been working diligently on this all school year.

The importance of training for the curriculum was stated. Karyn suggested that if we order in April we may have it before teachers leave for the summer.

**Action Item**

For the next school board meeting Cristina will:

1. Get updated pricing for the SAVAS curriculum
2. Find out what the publisher offers for professional development
3. Find out what the time frame is from order placement to delivery

**Action Item**

Angel asked Cristina to look at the AICE curriculum and give feedback to the board

The school wide textbook adoption schedule was reviewed. Karyn reported a new health curriculum needs to be added for middle school and this is being investigated. This item is in addition to the adoption schedule presented.

**Personnel**