

Lumen Christi High School

Virtual School Board Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2021

Members Presents:

Fr. Tom
Principal Brian Ross
Greg Gallagher
Lea Bouton
Nikelle Sherman
Danna Hoellering
Bill Arnold
Shane Locke
Jim Seaburger
Aaron Sperbeck
John Harmon
Kathy Gustafson

Meeting commenced:

Lea called the meeting to order at 6:31.

Opening prayer:

Lea Bouton opened the meeting with a prayer.

Committee Meetings:

- 6:01 pm to 6:30pm - Board members were Zoomed into their committees: recruitment & retention, finance & the future of LCHS.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda:

- Agenda approved: motioned by Kara, second by Shane, approved by unanimous vote.
- Minutes approved: motioned by Greg, second by Kara, approved by unanimous vote.

Introduction:

- Aaron Sperbeck, joined the meeting today as a parent and potential future board member to observe how the board operates.

Sister school:

- Brian went to SEAS during Catholic Schools Week. 6th graders entered a contest for \$500 off their tuition. Appreciate LCHS coming over to the school to do that.
- SEAS annual fund drive met their goal.
- Easter coming, gearing up for that.
- Terra Nova testing coming up in Spring.
- Accepting kids for next year, assessing children in Reading, Writing and Math.
- A new principal was announced this week for the upcoming year.

Mission moment:

- Theology curriculum review. Megan Spillers is complete with her review. She is unable to be here due to family leave. From the review by Lea, it seems to be one of the most thorough reviews Lea has ever seen.
- Brian shared highlights of the report. Not changing anything at LCHS after the reports of the review. Solid curriculum program after full review of the text books and teachings.
- Looking at the schedule to review how many high school teachers are needed to teach Theology.
- Next spring the archdiocese is going to be doing a full review of all catholic schools and their curriculum.

Archdiocese:

- John Harmon joined the board meeting and highlighted a few updates from the Archdiocese. The NorthStar Catholic will feature an article about Kathy Gustafson, please check it out.
- The NorthStar Catholic is looking for additional informational pieces to add. If any ideas or drafts, please contact Brian and he will get them to John Harmon.
- Meeting regarding the Civil Unification of the Diocese is upcoming. The topic is faith formation for the entire archdiocese.
- Archbishop is looking forward to participating in the LCHS graduation.

Principal's report:

- Meeting with the parents next Tuesday evening (3/15) for a principal-Parent Forum.
- Working with student leadership board to come up with a plan for a modified senior prom and a graduation plan.
- Current enrollment 92, registration for next year is 85.
- Basketball girls' and boys' teams are going to regional tournament this weekend, with both teams seated in first place.

Board chair comments:

- Lea opened the floor to the head of the chairs.
- Lumen Forward: Nothing to move forward with this week.
- Kara, Nikelle & Shane: Kara asked some questions regarding current registered students and what the numbers are for students staying at school. Only six current families that have not responded to registration request Brian sent out. Brian is going to nudge the families to register or register the waitlist. 85 students registered for next year.
- Kara emphasized the need to monitor the students that are not returning on the reasons why.
- Kara also asked on the progress of targeting social media for marketing during the lottery season for public schools. Brian responded that the school is plugging away on social media this week because lottery applications are due March 19 for public schools.

- Finance & Development: Bill reported that the budget is in the works. 3% increase in tuition, base level wages increase, budget will be based on 85 students. From now until next Tuesday Brian, Dana and Bill working together to get that budget together to present to finance committee.

Finance report and accounting update –Bill & Danna:

- Danna provided the Statement of Activities to board as pre-meeting reading materials. Nothing unexpected. A couple of maintenance items on there with the HVAC system and water fountains. Gala did extremely well. The Lumenary drive met their goal upward of \$66k. Also received money from the state. Looking positive going into the budgeting cycle.

Board chair comments:

- Lea will be checking in with the board members individually and making sure everyone continues to accept their term as a member on the board. If any proposals for new board members, let Lea know.

Note from Fr. Tom:

- Happy to announce that tomorrow he will be going to Northrim Bank and refinancing the mortgage to lower principal balance by half – also the interest rate of the mortgage with be cut in half.

Closing prayer:

- Closing prayer by Brian.

Meeting concluded:

- Lea adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm.

* The following board meeting date is April 20th at 6 p.m.