

Siouxland Christian School Regular Session Minutes

Date: April 19, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Siouxland Christian School

Present: Dr. Lindsay Laurich, Superintendent

Jeremy Mills, Principal

Brandon Reynolds, Chair

Chad Eisenga, Vice Chair

Jay Hoogendyk, (absent)

Carla DeRoos

Jennifer McCune

Bryan Stocking

The meeting was **opened in prayer** by Carla.

Carla motioned, Chad 2nd, and all **approved the previous Board Minutes**.

New Business

Board Reorganization: Jennifer McCune stated a desire to step away from the Treasurer position on the Board. Chad Eisenga stated he could fill the Treasury role between now and when the new Board is organized in July. Annette Goetsch will be listed as the **Financial Secretary** per Operational Procedures 210.10. Brandon motioned to approve, Carla 2nd, all approved. Motion passed.

The Board determined that **School mortgage signings** should be done by 3 signers: the Superintendent of SCS; the Principal of SCS; and the Treasurer. This is to be in accordance with the provisions of Board Policy 410.30. Motion to approve by Bryan, 2nd by Carla, all approved, motion passed.

Lindsay reminded the Board that the **Parent Association Meeting** is scheduled for April 20 at 6:00 PM. There will be 3 Board Candidates to fill 2 Board openings. The candidates are Kyle Irvin, Russ Nordstrom, and Jack Taylor. An agenda was provided to the Board.

Lindsay updated the Board on the status of the **accreditation**. The report has been sent in and the next step is for the site visit.

Katie Trimble discussed with the Board that Brightwheel will be used for the **Preschool** for check-ins and check-outs. The Preschool staff has been trained and a soft roll-out has begun. Katie advised that the numbers of Preschools at SCS in the 2018-2019 school year was 15, for the 2019-2020 school year there were 19. There are already 36 enrolled for next year without any advertising, 4 – 2 year olds, 11 – preschoolers, and 21 – pre-kindergarteners. Katie stated that they have assessed what staff will yet be needed to be hired and are in the process. Katie reviewed drawings of the Preschool along with over-head pictures. She stated there will be speed bumps in the rear of the building where kids will cross over to the playground area. Katie also presented floorplans to the Board for review. The kitchen is planned as a warming kitchen for now, to hold down cost. Katie will contact news stations soon concerning the Preschool and also will speak with the

Chamber of Commerce about holding a ribbon cutting ceremony. She is also busy partnering on the licensing to be sure all is completed to make the August 23rd opening date.

Lindsay stated that in regards to the fund raising for the Preschool Project, that currently \$391,500 has been raised and with the addition of PPP funds this brings the amount currently set-aside to \$632,000. Lindsay stated she is planning a fund raising event, currently scheduled for May 25th at her house for past and potential donors. The event will be called "One Bright Night". It is planned that donors of certain thresholds will be honored with plaques within the Preschool on a very visible wall.

Superintendent Report:

Lindsay advised the Board of **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- Parent Association Meeting- April 20
- Newsies- April 29-May 1
- Preschool & Kindergarten Round-Up- May 6
- MS/HS Choir Concert- May 10
- PROM- May 14
- Kindergarten Graduation- May 14
- MS Theater- May 15
- ELEM Choir Concert- May 17
- Elem/MS/HS Band Concert- May 18
- Omaha Zoo All School Event- May 20
- Graduation- May 21
- Preschool Development Event- May 25 (Tentative)

Admissions/Enrollment: early enrollment ended. Trish Yanney made calls to current families that had not yet taken advantage of the early enrollment discount and 256 students have early enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year with interest from possibly another 100 students yet to enroll, many coming from the Pre-school numbers, a tremendous amount of growth for SCS. Kindergarten will have two classes next school year due to the growth of the school.

Teaching and Learning: Jeremy reported that he has been doing some interviews to fill positions for the next school year. He interviewed a history candidate on Wednesday and has 2 band instructor interviews next week. Jeremy is currently determining what to do next year for Iowa Assessments, he is looking at MAPS Program.

Instructional Technology: Marjo reported that on April 15th SCS received funds from The Federal Emergency Assistance for Nonpublic Schools (EANS) program that is part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act), the federal economic stimulus package. The grant funds that SCS received was \$234,435 to be used for technology. Marjo also stated she is working on AUPs (Acceptable Use Policy) that will be signed next school year by students and parents for use of tech equipment.

Financial Development: Lindsay stated current fund raising events are "One Bright Light" for the Preschool Project and Krispy Crème Donuts and Tiefenthaler Brats for Athletics, as well as a Fund Raising Golf Tournament being planned for this summer to benefit Athletics also.

Committee Reports:

Education: Jay has been sitting in on interviews for open staff positions. There will be a new math curriculum for elementary grades next school year. The school will begin using “Drop-out Detective” which uses CANVAS to spot struggling students before problems arise.

Finance: Jennifer talked of the Preschool Project needs and locking down on cash within the school. She recommends that the school obtain and LOC (Line of Credit) with the bank for any construction costs that might pop up during the build out of the Preschool. Next year’s budget will be presented at the next Board meeting. School credit card limits are now only as high as is needed and they have been working on documentation that is needed for credit card use.

Athletic: Trying to get a grasp of what the home school numbers are in participation in sports compared to participation in academics. Baseball will have a varsity and a junior varsity schedule with the numbers that are anticipated. There are 6 Whiting players, 13 SCS, and 3 Homeschool athletes in the program. Softball will only have a varsity team, currently there are 5 SCS athletes and more Whiting athletes. Football has a commitment from 22 athletes at this point for next fall. SCS is still searching for a volleyball coach. Track is going well with around 45 athletes out for the sport between SCS and Homeschool athletes. Golf is going well and has had 2 meets already for the boys. AD, Nelson Wilson, plans to have SCS coaches partake in and coach camp at Dordt University and will be planning a coaches meeting soon for discussion on summer expectations of athletic programs. There was also some discussion concerning the Eagle logo. The Athletic Committee would like the Board to address the use of SCS facilities by outside groups as far as what expectations there are and what is or isn’t allowed.

Spiritual Emphasis: Lindsay has scheduled a Zoom meeting for April 20th with the Spiritual Emphasis Committee, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Spake, Ms. Ackerman, Mrs. Trimble, and herself, to review with the Spiritual Emphasis Committee what Bible/Christian studies the school is currently using.

Building and Grounds: They have been reviewing the construction plans for the Preschool Project and currently being sure that the ordering of the air handling equipment gets completed, etc..

Next Board Meeting is set for May 24th at 6:00 PM.

Regular Meeting was **adjourned** at 6:39 PM.

Approved: _____, Board Chair