

Siouxland Christian School Regular Session Minutes

Date: August 17, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Siouxland Christian School

Present: Dr. Lindsay Laurich, Superintendent

Jeremy Mills, Principal

Sarah Boesch, Chair

Jay Hoogendyk

Brandon Reynolds via Phone

Carla DeRoos

Chad Eisenga

Jennifer McCune was not in attendance due to family medical issue.

Bryan Stocking via Phone

Trish Yanney Briefly via Zoom

Kelli Heilbuth, Coach Wilson and Dr. Jerome Pierson were briefly in attendance

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

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

New Business

Marjo Stevens presented an overview of the **new software applications** that will be implemented this school year. Marjo has done an incredible job of preparing our technology to be agile and is preparing to be able to handle potential technology needs in our ever changing world. Marjo is implementing Go Guardian, Xello, Seesaw and Canvas. There were very positive comments about these changes, and especially the Canvas application. JMC will still be used at this point as well. Use of these new applications allow for more efficiency in tracking assignments, accountability, and greater ease of usage for kids, staff, and parents and accountability. Mr. Hoogendyk had some questions about efficiency and ease of usage with adding numerous new applications and Mrs. Stevens gave assurance it would not be confusing to use.

Kelli Heilbuth was present to report on **Financial** since Jennifer was not present. Jennifer has all the documents on her computer which we were unable to access. Kelli communicated that we are currently in a good place financially. Annette Goestch will be reviewing financials after she recovers from a surgery. Kelli said the digital sign will be going up this week.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Monday was the first day all the teachers were in the building for Professional Development. The teachers new to our school came in several days last week to begin room preparations.

2. Dr. Laurich filed in the Spring for our accreditation renewal with CSI and we were approved for renewal. CSI does a 5 year site visit which was scheduled for us in the Spring of 2021 and they asked if we would consider extending it to 2021-2022, which Dr. Laurich agreed to.
3. Mrs. Yanney joined the meeting via Zoom to give an update on enrollment. Our new enrollment number is 76 with brings our total enrollment to 245. The majority of growth is in Pre-School and and K-5. There are families scheduled to visit and calls are still coming in from potential new families to join SCS this school year. A total of 26 students are not returning due to a variety of reasons (Financial, COVID, Homeschooling, or Relocation).
4. There has been a review of the school mission statement and it is determined it needs to be updated. Numerous people have been involved in the review process which began in the past school year. All board members were in favor of the change. Revisions will be needed to policy where ever the mission statement is used.

Mr. Mills informed the board of the **staff development training** that was going on this week (Staff Handbook, Project Based Teaching, Technology and Active Shooter Training).

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds: Awaiting a bid from Bart Connelly on the weight room building. Mr. Reynolds said he was working on an air system for the school with CW Suter Services.

Athletic: Coach Wilson was present to speak about the football program.

There was discussion about the need for a fresh look to be given to our **Eagle logo**. The Eagle appears to be angry and doesn't represent what the school wants to convey to all who see our logo. Mr. Hoogendyk suggested we work toward uniformity in logo usage.

Next Board Meeting is set for September 21 at 6:00 PM.

The regular meeting was closed in **prayer** and Sarah motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Jay, and approved by all.

Regular Meeting was **adjourned** and the Board went into Executive Session at 7:10 PM.

Approved: _____, Board Chair