

# Siouxland Christian School Regular Session Minutes

**Date:** March 23, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Place:** Via Zoom due to Coronavirus Precautions

**Present:** Dr. Lindsay Laurich, Superintendent  
Sarah Boesch, Chair  
Jay Hoogendyk  
Ben Kooiker  
Brandon Reynolds  
Jennifer McCune  
Bryan Stocking

The meeting was **opened in prayer**.

Jay motioned, Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>, all **approved the previous Board Minutes**.

Lindsay introduced Nick Brown who is the Spanish Teacher and also a mental health therapist. Mr. Brown gave a **suicide awareness presentation** recap for the Board. Mr. Brown stated that suicide has gone up since the use of smart phones by children. Smart phones can make children feel as though they are not part of a group and that there is a need to be more proactive in being aware of what is happening in the lives of our children. Marjo Stevens, SCS IT, stated that she will be initiating "Go Guardian" to monitor what students are doing on their school issued Chrome Books. Marjo will also use "Beacon" to monitor what students are searching or browsing on the internet. These systems will notify guidance counselors when risky sites are accessed. The plan is to put it on the Chrome Books beginning with this coming fall semester when 3<sup>rd</sup> grader thru seniors could be monitored with these systems.

Lindsay stated that **several deadlines will need to be moved back because of the Coronavirus pandemic**. The early enrollment deadline of April 17 will be moved to May 4. Financial Aid Packets current deadline of April 15 will be moved to May 4. School Board applications due on April 1 will be moved to April 15. The Parent Association Meeting scheduled for April 20 will be moved to May 4. It was stated that Marjo could setup an electronic Board election to avoid the face to face Parent Association Meeting. Sarah motioned to approve the change in dates and Board election voting, Ben 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Motion passed.

Lindsay reported to the Board that the Coronavirus have made for uncharted and unprecedented times with at least 4 weeks of no school. Lindsay stated that the School had moved to "**at home learning**" completely. The Sioux City public schools were doing nothing as of yet for at home learning for students. The at home learning was new for the SCS teachers and Lindsay feels they have pulled it off well.

Lindsay reported that the **SCS Mission Trip planned for Arizona was cancelled**. She stated the Mission Trip had reached full funding prior to this. Refund checks will be issued to parents of students who had paid. The monies raised thru fund raising will stay in the Mission Fund. \$5,000 plus was paid to Praying Pelicans and Praying Pelicans will apply the amount toward next year's mission trip.

The **Iowa Assessments** were to start this week. The Iowa Department of Education stated the assessments are on hold.

**Pre-school and Kindergarten Roundups have been postponed** with SCS deciding to do individual tours of the School. Lindsay stated that there have been 9 preschoolers already enrolled for the next year.

**Track season is postponed.**

**Grandparent's Day is cancelled.**

The School play "**The Music Man**" is rescheduled for May 26, 27, and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**WITCC "College Now" is continuing on-line.**

Lindsay commented that Marjo Stevens has been tremendous during this time and Chrome Books are out to elementary students as well as the secondary students. April 14 is not a sure date on school re-openings and school may finish the 2019/2020 school year closed. Lindsay stated that the **SCS teachers are going above and beyond during this time.**

**Committee Reports:**

No Committee Reports

**Next Board Meeting is set for April 20th at 6:00 PM.**

Regular Meeting was **adjourned** in prayer and the Board went into Executive Session at 6:56 PM.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, Board Chair