

Siouxland Christian School Regular Session Minutes

Date: November 16, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Siouxland Christian School

Present: Dr. Lindsay Laurich, Superintendent

Jeremy Mills, Principal

Sarah Boesch, Chair

Brandon Reynolds, Vice Chair

Jay Hoogendyk,

Carla DeRoos (via phone)

Chad Eisenga

Jennifer McCune

Bryan Stocking

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

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

New Business

Jennifer presented the **Financials for August, September and October**. Jennifer provided "Balance Sheets" and "Profit and Loss Budget Performance" sheets for August, September and October. She stated that the Financial Committee will meet next week to project where SCS is at and headed. There will also be a Tuition and Fees Meeting as well. Jennifer stated that there has been an improved usage of the lunch programs with the changes that had been made for students on tuition assistance. Brandon motioned to approve the Financials, Jay 2nd, all approved.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Lindsay stated that the **Fall fundraising** event went well. They were able to meet the \$100,000 match. They will follow up with thank you notes to the donors. \$5,400 was raised from the cake sales.

There was discussion of an **appreciation for the staff** and Christmas bonuses. Last year there was a large donor who donated funds specifically for staff bonuses. Currently there is \$10,000 available for staff bonuses, which would amount to about \$250 each. There will possibly be a catered meal from the staff from Olive Garden next week.

There are **currently 259 students** enrolled at SCS with pending enrollments scheduled for January and the school may pick up inquiries as public schools close around the area.

Jeremy stated that with **teaching and learning** SCS is pushing forward with CANVAS, which is a big push for teachers, but it would be a tremendous benefit if schools are forced to close from COVID19. Friday has an event scheduled for theater for Junior High students. New governor's COVID19 restrictions could effect this. **On instructional technology**, Marjo is giving 7 or 8 teachers initial instructions on CANVAS and Seesaw.

Kelli Heilbuth commented that with **finances/development**, now that the Fall fundraiser is over, she is now moving onto needed NITSCO contribution. Kelli stated that donations of \$159,000 are needed and SCS is currently at \$60,000 toward that total. Kelli also stated that there is a lot of athletic ad money currently coming in right now.

The Finance Committee presented the following requested changes to the Board:

Capitalization Policy:

Capital purchases comprise of fixed assets such as furniture, fixtures, equipment, software, leasehold improvements, etc. to meet two criteria:

- 1) a useful life of more than one year, and
- 2) cost more than \$1,000.

Any purchases not meeting both of these criteria will be recorded as an expense.

Recordkeeping:

The CFO shall maintain a list of fixed assets showing the date of the acquisition, it's cost, and a schedule for depreciation of the asset. SCS shall keep on file documentation for each purchase.

Annual depreciation expense will be included in the school's annual operating budget.

For each purchase, the CFO shall evaluate whether the acquisition will have an impact on insurance coverage, determine if present coverage valuations are adequate, and obtain additional coverage if necessary.

Annual Inventory:

The Superintendent will ensure an annual inventory of fixed assets and equipment leases, and will provide the updated fixed asset detail to the Finance Committee each June to ensure depreciation and disposals are properly recorded.

Jennifer moved that the above changes be adopted, Chad 2nd, all approved, motion passed.

Lindsay stated that there may be enough interested donors that **retiring of the school's debt** is becoming more of a possibility for the future.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds: There is work being done on obtaining estimates for a trash enclosure and some storage with some of the money that had been pledged for the weight room.

Spiritual Emphasis: Carla initiated an e-mail with some ideas for the school concerning the spiritual atmosphere/culture. The Spiritual Emphasis Committee determined that they should meet prior to the next Board meeting before a presentation is made to the School Board.

Athletic: The Athletic Committee met on November 9th. In attendance were, Jay Hoogendyk, Jeremy Mills, Nelson Wilson, and Bryan Stocking. Nelson Wilson advised the Committee that the varsity girls basketball coach resigned. Coach T is still with us and will be handling the girls basketball practices. Nelson is attempting to find a replacement and is willing to assist with the program himself if need be.

The Weight Facility was discussed. Jeremy informed the Committee that Four Seasons advised the School that they would let our athletes use their facilities for a cost of \$10,000 for 6 months. There was discussion of the need to remove the weight training equipment from the stage due to upcoming musical concerts and theater acts. The temporary move will be to the loft area on the 2nd floor. They are not allowed to move it into the storage area just to the east of the loft because of the need for an egress window and ladder in case of a fire. That would create a cost of \$25,000 to \$30,000 and would need to be removed when the school does future expansion. Discussion was had on the possibility of putting an escape ladder off of the 2nd floor rail above the stage area. There was discussion on a need to determine what the donor would or would not be happy with concerning their contribution.

Nelson discussed the 2021 football program. He has had discussions concerning a shared program with Kingsley-Pierson and also again sharing the program with Whiting. He stated that Whiting would be the more likely shared program and their AD wants to work with SCS again. Whiting also stated an interest in sharing a baseball and softball program with us also. Nelson said the number of kids interested in high school football next year is around 20 kids, just from SCS alone. Nelson stated that he has been talking to students about participating in multiple sports.

Discussion was held concerning prayer at games. There has been some push by some parents to be sure that the school has public prayer at all home games. There was discussion what may or may not be legally allowed and whether the prayer should be over the loud speaker or in the locker rooms limited to the athletes and coaches. It was stated that the prayers should be purposeful and not just a show. No one knew of any push back from visiting schools against our public prayers. Jeremy stated the importance of prayer being a part of our athlete's lives. Jay conveyed that the athletes actions should be Christian in nature as well concerning calls by the refs, etc..

Jay conveyed that there is a need for "skilled" training for the archery program, which has good participation numbers. Discussion was had on possible individuals that may have good archery skills that could assist with some more in-depth skill training.

Jeremy stated that there are many high school students that have stated an interest in having a golf program. Nick Brown stated an interest in possibly coaching golf. There were also statements that bowling could be another sport that could be offered in the future.

The Athletic Committee addressed the issue of SCS facilities being used for league sports and whether that should be allowed. It was determined that the facilities should be used by SCS students only, as a general rule. It was stated that this was not meant to detour or do away with any sport or theater camps that the school might put on.

Next Board Meeting is set for December 14 at 6:00 PM.

Regular Meeting was **adjourned** and the Board went into Executive Session at 6:47 PM.

Approved: _____, Board Chair