

St. Peter's School Board Meeting

Date: 1/08/24

St. Peter's Lutheran School exists to provide a nurturing, Christian education environment which assists families in their God-given responsibility of preparing children for an earthly life of Christian witness and eternity with their Lord and Savior.

Board Members:

John Gerike (2-26), Time Brandt (2-24), Sharon Reimer (2-26), Bill Skinner (1-24), Cody Schara (1-24), Jeff Stevensen (1-25), Ryan Kruse (1-26), Jordyn Johnston (filling vacancy)

Participants:

Sharon Craker, Jordyn Johnston, Roger Tessendorf, John Gerike, Bill Skinner, Cody Schara, Ryan Kruse. Krista Gunther

Agenda:

1. Open with Devotion/prayer- Roger
2. Welcome new board members: Ryan Kruse and Jordyn Johnston
3. Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary
 - a. John nominated as chairman- accepted
 - b. Cody nominated as vice chairman- accepted
 - c. Jordyn nominated as secretary and accepted.
 - i. Motion by Bill to accept, second by Ryan, motion carried
4. Faculty Representative-Sharon Craker
5. Welcome visitors and provide opportunity for parents to address the Board- N/A
6. Approval of 12/11/23 minutes
 - a. Motion by Bill to approve, second by Cody; motion carried
7. Daycare report- Julie Thompson
 - a. Julie has COVID but childcare will be open
8. Athletic Report- Renee Reuter
 - a. Girls basketball starts this week. 10 B-team girls participating. Two 7 & 8 girls will be playing with Sacred Heart as we did not have enough to make an A team.
 - b. Seroogy chocolates ready for fundraiser.
9. Ministries Coordinator Report- Beth Lynch
 - a. Bank account \$217,514 quick books \$124,000
10. Principals Report-Roger Tessendorf
 - a. Marketing Wheel Update- \$726 covers 2 years
 - i. Jacky Kruse, Leanne Villa, Roger Tessendorf

- ii. The team to be made a sub committee of the school board under new business.
- b. Update Employee Handbook
 - i. The handbook has been reviewed by ADF for religions liberty
 - ii. The Lawyer who ADF recommended review the handbook for employment law is doing so at no cost.
 - iii. When this is completed the Board of Christian Policies will be smaller. Working on draft of the revised Board of Christian Education Policies
 - iv. There is a group who started a lawsuit to stop School Choice. The State Supreme Court chose not to hear it. Since then Governor Evers, not a supporter of School Choice, has announced he is opposed to the lawsuit attempting to end Choice.

11. Old Business-

- a. Update from Principal Call Committee
 - i. Potential principal turned down call, Pastor has calls out to gain more applicants. Position is not currently posted on South Wisconsin District—this will be rectified
- b. Plan to avoid overfilling 4K in the future - Take to Voters on January 25, 2024
 - i. 3K in the current public PK room; hire a teacher and possibly an aid
 - 1. Public PK would not be at our school
 - 2. M/W and T/R class from 0800-1000- Maximum of 12 Students in each session
 - 3. A student could possibly enroll in both sessions (4 days) of 3K IF room was available
 - 4. Two 4K classes. AM class 0800-1130; PM class 1145-1515
 - 5. Maximum of 12 in each 4K session
 - ii. Financial Data
 - 1. Scenarios created by Roger show that St. Peter's 3K/4K would increase our debt to income ratio for 3K/4K, but if each child stays through 8th grade, it would be \$20k in revenue for each student. \$70k for choice students.
 - 2. Reimer makes a motion to take to voters, Bill seconds; motion carries
- c. Considerations for funding the school
 - i. Tuition
 - ii. Congregation
 - iii. Gala
 - iv. John to bring funding ideas to board of boards on 01/18/24
 - v. Voters Meeting 01/25/24
 - 1. Timeline 02/12/2024 bring other funding ideas

12. New Business

- a. Policy Review D:2 (Academic Eligibility)
 - i. First reading
 - 1. Motion to approve the first reading by Cody; let motion die for lack of a second
 - a. Teachers will re evaluate and get back to us 02/12/24 with Teacher rep- Becca Erdman
- b. Marketing team= sub committee of Board of Christian Education
 - i. Jordyn makes a motion, Bill seconds; motion carries
- c. Tuition rates for 2024/2025 school year
 - i. Discuss payment policy
 - ii. Discuss the 16 tuition rates.
 - iii. Increase 3K by \$25; 4K by \$50; K-8 \$200
 - 1. Bill makes a motion to accept the tuition increase, Ryan seconds; motion carries

13. Executive Session:

14. Reopen for motions pertaining to Executive Session-N/A

15. Close with The Lord's Prayer