

Board of Christian Education

October 9, 2023 6:00 PM

Present: Cody Schara, Jeff Stevenson, Sharon Reimer, John Gerike, Roger Tessendorf, Krista Gunther, Phil Rogers, Renee Reuter, Chris and Jamie Unbehaun

Meeting called to order at 6 pm by chairman Gerike. Opening devotions and prayer by Mr. Tessendorf. Minutes of Sept 11, 2023 meeting were approved. Motion by Cody, 2nd by Jeff, approved.

Daycare Report- None

Athletic Report-Renee Reuter. Volleyball season is about to end. Cross-country is over we co-op with Sacred Heart. Boys Basketball will start Oct. 11, 2023. Coaches are Erika Molitor and Mike Winther. Girls Basketball may co-op with Sacred Heart.

Beth Lynch was not present for Ministries Coordinator report

Principals Report- Mr. Tessendorf gave principals report-copy attached. Mr. Tessendorf suggested we look into Life-Vac, a device which is a new tool for choking victims. Jeff and others will look into and report back. Roger also explained the music/choir grade policy.

Board went into executive session to discuss a parent concern. A consensus was reached. Board returned to open session

Sports banner purchase information will be taken to the Voters assembly.

Board spent considerable amount of time discussing Pre-K 3 and 4 options. Motion was made to move toward having 2 PreK 4 classes and consider making pre k 3 part of the child care program. Motion made by Cody, 2nd by Jeff, motion passed. More study needs to take place as this will mean dropping the public-school rental of one room and hiring a person to teach PreK3. We need to include Pastor Crolius and Julie Thompson in discussion.

Krista Gunther requested an aid in the second prek3 class due to special circumstances with the children involved. (just for the remainder of this school year) Motion to approve by Cody, 2nd by Jeff, motion passed.

Board went into executive session for a short period, then returned to open session. Scholarship committee reported 2 requests. They will hold one for further information. Moved to grant 1 request for \$1500.00 for one family. Motion made by Sharon 2nd Jeff; motion passed.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted

John Gerike

Principal Report To The Board of Christian Education

September 11, 2023

I. Authorization to order a school set of LifeVacs. \$250 school kit

- a. LifeVac Website
- b. LifeVac Video Actual case
2. Update on meeting for options after High School.
3. Information from the Principal Conference September 18 & 19
 - a. NLSA will remain Evidence Based for our next site visit. Currently the next visit is scheduled for the 24-25 school year.
 - i. We can ask for an extension in August of 2024. Dr. Cody is willing to sign off on our request making the visit in the 25-26 school year.
 - ii. The scoring of the standards will be different. The system was presented quickly. It would be reviewed in detail at the start of the site visit preparation.
 - iii. Generally you would start preparing for the site visit 18 months before the visit.
 - iv. A new required survey will be in use this year. This will include parents, students, Board and Faculty. We generally do the survey in April each year.
 - v. Ministry Safe is a new NLSA required indicator. This requires all volunteers who could be alone with students to complete sex abuse training similar to mandatory reporters. This is new and still being defined as to the requirement entails. This is to be completed by August, 2024
 - b. Emerging Schools is a new option for school starts that is being developed. Designed for ministries with less than 50 students.
 - c. New Salary Guidelines are expected in October, 2023
 - d. Lutheran Academic Standards are being developed as part of curriculum standards for Lutheran Schools. They are to be added to what is currently in the palace. CPH may have textbooks and materials that cover these standards in subject areas in the future.
 - e. There is a student debt relief program teachers could apply for called Ministry Focus. Here's the website: <https://nuni.str.yfocu.s.org>.
 - f. LCEF will come and talk to the Board about Marketing and using the demographics report. They can provide mailing lists as well.
 - g. WILL make a presentation of current legal issues. Still unsure what the literacy bill means in reality.
 - i. Be sure your policy handbooks contain Statement of Faith. This is key in issues including gender topics. See handout.

- h. WCRIS
- i. The higher voucher amount is nice - but it now brings more attention on Choice schools. WCRIS has a Media Guide we can use.
- ii. Relations with Public Schools are likely to change. iii. More money likely means more regulations.
- iv. They have a sample indoor air quality policy we can use as a guide.
- i. What is the difference between WCRIS, CAPE and School Choice WI
 - i. WCRIS - Main Focus on protecting religious rights at the State Level ii. CAPE - Main Focus on protecting religious rights at the National Level
 - 11 1 . School Choice WI - Main Focus on getting more schools into the Choice Program
- j. Parent Pulse made a presentation on their service to survey families every quarter. This can be via text or email. Cost of \$999 and \$4 per student.
- k. General Lutheran School News
 - i. The LCMS School System is the largest Christian School System in the U.S.
 - ii. 51 % of teachers in LCMS Lutheran Schools are not Rostered
 - l. PTL Movie Night - Friday, October 13. Doors open at 6:00 pm
 - m. Spaghetti Dinner - October 27
 - n. Revised Music/Choir Grade Information

St. Peter's Lutheran School Music/Choir Grade

St. Peter's Lutheran School has been blessed to be a part of St. Peter's Lutheran Church for over 150 years. Our mission statement for the school states, "We exist to provide a nurturing, Christian educational 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."

Teaching and learning about Jesus and His love is at the Center of everything we do. Providing opportunities for children to put their faith into action is part of building a relationship with our Savior. Singing praises in a choir is one way we can put our faith into action and support families in developing faith in their children.

The students work hard each week to learn the songs and the messages they convey to share with the congregation and to those who listen on the radio and watch us on video. Thanks be to God for giving our students these talents and for allowing us to spread this message through them.

Music Theory Bells/Chimes and Choir Practice occur as part of the school day. In addition, Choir includes singing at St. Peter's Church Services. We understand that families may not be able to attend all

opportunities to sing for many reasons. Please see the Courtesy Note System and Extra Credit listed below that are part of the Choir grading system.

Choir grades are based on a point system. Students may earn up to:

5 points for being in rehearsal each week and actively participating

5 points for singing at their scheduled worship service. This includes the Children's Christmas Service in December.

Courtesy Note: We realize there may be situations that prevent a student from being able to attend a specific service. In those cases a Courtesy Note may be provided prior to the service.

The first Courtesy Note in a quarter will result in earning 5 points for the missed service.

Additional Courtesy Notes in the same quarter will result in earning 1 point.

A student who misses an opportunity to sing, and a Courtesy Note is not provided, will earn 0 points.

Extra Credit: Students in grades 3-8 may write a devotion based on a hymn to earn up to 5 extra credit points per quarter. 4 points are possible for the content of the devotion and 1 point is based on the grammar, spelling and citing of sources if applicable. Students may choose from a list of hymns we will provide, or obtain approval of a hymn of their choice prior to starting the project. Extra Credit for students in grades K-2 will be determined on a case by case basis by the principal. The principal will grade the Extra Credit project.

In His Service,

Mr. Tessendorf, Faculty, and Board of Christian Education of St. Peter's Lutheran School