

Board Briefs

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Monday April 29, 2019 at 6:00pm in the board room. The following items were discussed and/or acted upon at the meeting.

The board approved the March 26, 2019 minutes from the regular board meeting. The monthly financials were reviewed. The board approved the housing allowance for Brenda Salogga. The board also approved the hiring of Upekha Balasuriya as middle school/high school math teacher.

The church/school engagement process is ongoing as we look at addressing the school deficit while at the same time developing solutions for the long term viability of the LSA. We are in the process of having our auditors put into place a cash flow analysis to be able to understand the deficit position of the LSA.

The Foundation Board meet on April 17. The foundation is looking to offer legacy life insurance policies to school families and Lutheran Church membership by which the pay out at death would go to the LSA Foundation, LSA School or one of the member churches. Gleaner Insurance Company is sponsoring this offering. Jim Minton will be the agent in charge of the issuance. Gleaner will be sending out invitations to families and congregations to invite them to a meeting where this will be discussed. The open enrollment will be from July 1 – September 30. The foundation would like to have a table at registration as well to offer these legacy policies to parents and family of our students. The foundation is also going to be purchasing part (25%) of a \$500,000 life insurance policy on aging relative (94 years old) of a former school employee. Mike Pickerill is working with the family and Mark Jackson to have legal documentation on the transaction. Mike has also secured donations to pay the quarterly premium on behalf of the foundation. The foundation could receive a maximum payout of \$125,000 upon the death of the relative.

The board reviewed the high school and K-8 principal reports as presented.

The board reviewed the athletic director report as presented.

The board reviewed the admission director's report. To date the 2018-19 enrollment counts stands at 261 for grades K-8 and 105 in the high school. The April re-enrollment number as of 4/25/2019 reflects 220 in K-8 and 102 for 9-12 for a total of 322. We still have 6 students in grades K-8 who have indicated they will be re-enrolling but have not submitted their enrollment form in addition we have 3 high school students who have not finalized their decision to re-enroll.

The LSA is developing an App that will be available in the APP store for both android and iPhone. The app will be the go to place to find out everything you will need to be informed about the happenings at the LSA. This will include events, lunch account information to making donations. A new website will be launched in conjunction with the new APP.

The board approved a 10hr per family requirement to volunteer at the LSA. Parents will be required to write a postdated check at registration for \$100. If they complete their 10hours they get the check back. However, if they fail to complete the volunteer hours the check will be cashed. We are putting together a handbook of opportunities for volunteering throughout the school year.

The board approved the Boys and Girls Cross Country and Boys soccer COOP with Argenta Oreana High School for the 2019 and 2020 seasons.

The board approved the Boys and Girls Golf COOP with Meridian High School for the 2019 and 2020 season.

The board approved the football COOP with Mt. Pulaski for the 2019 and 2020 seasons.

The board heard and update on staffing for next school year. With the departure of Brenda Olsen we will be seeking a part-time K-6 Music teacher. In addition we are looking at our Spanish numbers for next year and will need to look at options about whether or not we will need a full –time or a part-time Spanish teacher.

The LSA will begin play in the newly formed Lincoln Prairie Conference in the fall. The new conference replaced the Little Okaw Conference.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Dr. Holmes