

## Board of Directors Meeting Highlights for May 23, 2019

WWCS will be implementing Flocknote to better communicate with families via text.

A county health inspection was conducted in May. No major issues to report.

We had our most successful HOPE fundraiser ever. Claire noted thanks to Rosalie for all her work on HOPE. A big **THANK YOU** for all those that helped make this a success.

Enrollment as of the board meeting was 267 for the fall, with 181 at Assumption and 86 at DeSales. Our current retention rate is 94%. 16 students are not returning, with 8 of those moving out of the area. There was some discussion about how to incentivize getting students into low enrollment classes. Father Seidel will come back to the board with a firm proposal based on that discussion.

Health insurance premiums decreased for next year, and we also have two “holiday” months in which we do not pay premiums. This combined with greater tuition assistance dollars available, and a higher proportion of enrolled students in the upper grades, means we may be able to eliminate the projected deficit for the upcoming year.

Policy committee will revise policy 3011 to combine our capital needs and emergency needs funds into one entity to be funded at \$40k. They suggest we move approximately \$13k from unrestricted cash reserves to fully fund it, with 1% profits from fundraising automatically adding to the fund. Also, Policy 3850 regarding school affiliated organizations was updated and passed by the board.

Architects West performed a site survey of all 3 properties (Assumption, DeSales, and St. Patrick), and found that: Assumption was not worth investing into; St. Patrick was viable as a short term option; but with no field space nearby not a long term solution; DeSales property is in decent shape, is 17 acres, and there is sufficient space to transform into a K-12 campus. On June 11th, they shared some preliminary numbers on the cost for a total remodel of DeSales into a K-12 school as well as potential options for building new on donated property. More refinement of each plan will be forthcoming this summer. The board hired Ed Little to conduct a feasibility study for the capital campaign.

Our next board meeting is June 27th, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Thomas Aquinas Learning Center at DeSales. Please join us!

Compiled by Andrea Renholds, Board Secretary