

Walla Walla Catholic School Board Meeting Highlights- June 2019

President's Report:

Father Seidel has been appointed by the Bishop to serve as the Walla Walla Catholic Schools President and President of the Schools' Board of Directors. He takes over his duties on July 1, 2019. He is currently attending the Maryann Remick Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame. This graduate program aspires to "prepare transformational school leaders who make God known, loved, and served by implementing rigorous academic programs, managing school resources, and building robust Catholic school communities."

Principal's Report:

Faith Formation and Service

- DeSales High School Individual Class retreats will be planned for September each year
- DeSales High School – opportunity to participate in CYC in Spokane – March 2020
- Enrollment Update: 19 preschool, 25 pre-K, 181 Assumption, and 91 DeSales. Kindergarten (which is included in the 181) is at 25 with a waiting list.

Academic Excellence

- There will be a newly developed Assumption Parent focus group to examine ways to enhance curriculum opportunities; details to be announced soon.
- There will be new 6th grade exploratory curriculum to include Junior Biz (Junior Achievement program), STEM, and other exploratory units.

Personnel

- Mike Spiess has resigned as the DeSales Head Football Coach
- Hiring actions are ongoing for the following positions:
 - Cheerleading Coach – Advertising/Interview process
 - Head Football Coach - Advertising
 - ELC Director – Advertising

Committee Reports:

Policy – Several Policy decisions were presented by the policy chair and approved as follows:

1. Fund Raising Stipends for Chairs and Key Volunteers: All major fund-raising chairs and designated volunteers may receive a stipend in an amount approved by the Walla Walla Catholic School Board and President of WWCS.

2. Policy 3110.1 Budget Reserve Funds: The board determined this fund would need to be changed from Budget Reserve Fund to Budget Capital Needs Fund
3. Policy 3110.1A: Reserve Funds Growth: The board voted that there should be a Budget Reserve Fund with a minimum of \$40K budgeted annually.

Nominating:

Reelected for an 3-year term as Board Directors: Jerry Anhorn, Jr., Kristal Hassler, and Elly Sherry

Elected as Board Officers for next year: Jerry Anhorn, Jr., Board Chair, Andrea Renholds, Vice-Chair, Kristal Hassler, Treasurer, Ruthann Haider, Secretary

Other Business:

The facilities group and several local parties have met and discussed the master plan development. Based on what this group has provided to the board, along with cost estimates for different courses of action, the board would like the architects to work on a partial or total remodel/reconfiguration of existing space at DeSales and (if necessary) a moderately-sized addition, to house K-12, and (at the same time or phased in later) an addition or separate building for the Early Learning Center. Given the financial and other costs, the board has decided not to investigate sale of the site and a new site/new construction option.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 25th, at 6:30 pm, DeSales