

William V. Fisher Catholic High School
School Board Minutes
September 8, 2010

Members Present: Cathy DeGenova, Tom Andrews, Jim Silcott, Fr. Reade, Mitzi Neighbor, Michelle Maskulinski, Jane Dodds, Tony Coakley, Mike Mitchell, Tiffany Wade, and Kellie Shonk, Recording Secretary

Prayer: Fr. Reade

Approval of Minutes: Under Technology, take out the sentence, "This will be discussed at next meeting." Corrected minutes accepted by Tom Andrews and Jane Dodds

Approval of Agenda: Approved by Michelle Maskulinski, Tom Andrews and the Board.

REPORTS:

Principal & President:

Liberty Union started today. They are having maintenance problems. We have 250 students enrolled right now. This is up 1 more than last year.

Finance Committee is looking at final budgets. The state money has been restored. State money is used for a nurse, auxiliary clerk, guidance counselor, tutor and textbooks. The state money will allow us to spend some of the funds on the science department and purchase of cats and frogs for dissections.

The first day of school was entirely run by the students and student council. It went very smooth.

We had our first All School Mass last Friday. Fr. Gideon, Fr. Franks, Fr. Reade and Fr. Kessler all attended the mass. After mass, the priests, Mr. Silcott and the student council paraded to the prayer garden, formally senior court, to do a dedication.

Mr. Silcott attended the Athletic Director's meeting today. Things do not look good right now with MSL trying to realign the cardinal division. They want to put us with Worthington Christian, Grahanna Christian, Harvest Prep, etc. Another division consists of Bloom Carroll, who thinks they are too small for the division they are in right now. Right now we are not changing anything. Football is the only sport, due to numbers, that is not able to compete fairly. If we could put them in a separate division that would work. We can join the CCL (Catholic Conference League) at anytime.

This year, our Alumni Hall of Fame is Mary Ann Connell, Class of '54 and the Honorary Hall of Fame is Nurse Jane Smith. They will be honored at our Homecoming football game.

Our first tailgating was a success. We had over 70 students in the parking lot for the tailgating. They cheered on the football players and cheerleaders as they exited the school building to go to the game. There was corn hole games, music provided by Chris Habib and Greg and Tiffany Wade roasted hot dogs for the students. The next tailgate is Tuesday for the soccer, tennis & golf teams.

The student council is in charge of collecting fees for the parking lot. They have taken the bull by the horns. The student council has been given two grub days a month. They have decided that one grub a month would go to Andrew's Army and the other one to be decided each month for another cause.

Last year any student that wanted to be on student council could be on it. This year we have one member from each family on the student council. Student council decided on a \$5 fee for any dress code violations. The money collected will go toward dances and other student functions. Mr. Silcott feels better about collecting this fee since the money is being used for the students.

The Ads and raffle sales are going well. Budget wise for the Athletic Department, we will see where we stand after the raffle is done. The athletic budget is looked at by Cathy Henry and Dawn Burley. We do need to go well over the \$200 per family on the raffle to have money for coaches' budgets. Any monies raised by camps this summer are given to the coaches to use as discretionary money.

Teachers:

The first interim reports go out next week. The first week of school has gone well. The new staff is acclimated and doing well.

Pastor:

We have established the All School Masses for this year. Bishop Campbell will be at Fisher on November 9th. There will be 6 house masses this year. They will be the first part on the 5th period which will be a double period.

We are having House Masses for all houses throughout the year.

Fr. Reade has visited all the feeder churches around the area to invite the priest from each church to be a celebrant for our All School Masses. Invitations were received very warmly by Fr. Krile of Circleville, Monsignor. Frecker of Pope John, Fr. Ferguson of Buckeye Lake, Monsignor Dunn of Logan, and Fr. Csaszar of St. Rose.

In the area of worship & prayer, football team has a mass before every game. Fr. Reade wants to offer this to all sports. We hope to have a variety of worship celebrations led by team members mixing several sports at once not just having formal masses. So, instead of always having mass, we want to mix in the rosary, prayer, etc. Masses do not always have to be lead by a priest. We need to bring Catholicity into our sports so it becomes a natural thing. When we are playing against a Christian school, with the coaches' approval, we will have a prayer before the game and a closing prayer after the game.

The old Spanish room is now Fr. Reade's office/prayer room. He will have a place for student's to read and another area to listen to spiritual music.

Jane Dodds asked how we can incorporate guitars into the masses. It seemed to work well several years ago with Adam Boyden, Brenden O'Rourke and other students. Students really enjoyed it.

Vision Team/Development Committees:

No report

Regional Catholic Unity (Enrollment Committee):

We have added new people to our committee. December 31st is our deadline to get information from catholic families. We would like to invite people from the Canal Winchester and Bloom Carroll area to come down and share information with us.

When families withdraw from Fisher, we need to do an exist interview to find out why they are leaving the school. Mr. Silcott sent a similar letter to 8th grade people a couple of years ago asking them why they have decided not to come to Fisher Catholic. He received a 15% response. Nothing significant stood out. We are going to do bulletin stuffers to talk about Fisher Catholic. OGT scores should be put in the Eagle Gazette.

The next meeting or this committee is in October.

Optimal Enrollment & Comprehensive Finance Plan (Finance Committee):

The last meeting was August 17th. They have been looking over historical financial records. Enrollment, staffing and maintenance are the main things they are looking at right now. They are piecing together what it really costs to run the building. Does tuition cover the cost or do we need to look at other ways to bring in money.

The next scheduled meeting for this committee is September 20th.

Campus Plan (Buildings & Grounds):

No Report

Alumni Plan:

No Report

Marketing & Development:

Brad Barnett has an online survey going on the Friday-Forget-Me-Nots. This is for current families.

Athletics:

The Sweet Corn Festival went very well. No financial data yet. Tim Crane did an excellent job and should be recognized and commended for all his work.

Currently Jim Silcott and Cathy Henry are running athletics. We do not have a president for the Athletic Association. Debbie Henslee is our vice-president.

We need workers for the fair. We are also in need for someone to head up Football concessions.

Band Parents:

We met with Mrs. Thomas. Our new name is Performing Arts. We are going to have sub-committees for band, drama and chorus.

Wellness:

We have scheduled the mandatory drug meeting for September 27th at 7 p.m. There is no school that day. The ADAMH Board sent out a survey to all area sophomores and juniors to talk about drugs, alcohol and sex. They are going to send the results of the survey to us. Orman Hall, Executive Director of ADAMH, will be sharing this information at the meeting also.

Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Kirby attended a drug meeting at the hospital. It was an eye opening experience.

The Eagle Gazette wants to interview some of our drug free students about the prescription drug situation.

Technology:

A fun start to the school year, we are 95% up and running. We are now skyping. An 8th grade student from St. Mary School is taking Honors Geometry via skype. The student loves it. The mobile lab is not yet up and running. The Mac lab is up and running. There is a teacher's meeting September 27th at Fisher Catholic with St. John, St. Mary and St. Bernadette via internet with the Diocese.

Post Secondary is starting up. We will have students leaving to go to OUL.

Old Business:

The severance issue is all taken care of by Lancaster City Schools. There is a State fund called the Van Fund that is setup to take care of severance pay for employees.

The lighting presentation that Father Gideon arranged will be reviewed by the Buildings & Grounds committee.

New Business:

President remarks: We want to continue with what Tom has done over the past years, working in accordance with Mr. Silcott and other committees and focusing on the future growth of the school. Communication is key. Our job is to communicate with parents, students and the public what is actually happening in the school and to work together to stop the rumors. A request was made for each member of the advisory board to join a committee of the vision team to work with this effort toward future growth of the school. All the members present choose a committee to join.

Closing Motion: Jane Dodds & Tom Andrews