

CEDAR CATHOLIC JR. - SR. HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Thursday, August 19, 2021

The August 19, 2021 meeting was called to order by Miranda Bernecker. Meeting opened with a prayer by Fr. Owen Korte.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Chris Uttecht, Beckie Polak, Pat Steffen, Wendy Stevens, Miranda Bernecker, Tom Kuchta, Daryl Kleinschmit (Zoom), Fr. Jim Keiter and Fr. Owen Korte. Absent: Brian Pinkelman and Joan Potts.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:** Miranda Bernecker will be going off the Board. No replacement has been made at this time for her. Thank you to Miranda for her time and support these last 3 years on the School Board. Pat Steffen was voted in as School Board President, Wendy Stevens was voted in as Vice President and Beckie Polak Polak was voted in as Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Miranda Bernecker noted correction on Fr. Korte's report to change Phillips to Filips. Correction made. Wendy Stevens motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Fr. Jim Keiter. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

**AGENDA:** Beckie Polak motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Fr. Owen Korte. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

**REPORTS:**

**CEDAR DEVELOPMENT:** Development office is continuing to work on multiple fundraisers.

**MR. UTTECHT'S REPORT: Enrollment:** Current 2021-2022 enrollment for 7th - 12 grade is 167 Students. The 2020 - 2021 School year was 176 Students. **Evangelium Institute:** Deacon Peter Kennedy will be leading this year's Evangelium Institute. All Catholic Schools within the Archdiocese are required to provide 24 hours of faith formation for faculty members. **C-Club:** Taylor Johnson and Audrey Freeman will be organizing activities for the C-Club in effort to promote school spirit. C-Club will meet monthly and will assist in spirit-related and outreach activities.

**Team Cedar:** A group of parents have been meeting and created a group calling themselves "Team Cedar". The goal of Team Cedar is to reinforce strength and conditioning and the importance it plays in our athletic programs. This group's goal is to have the weight room available year-round to offer strength and conditioning while supporting activities. Team Cedar will also be doing a fundraiser working with the Development Office to raise funds to improve the equipment in the weight room. **Upcoming Dates:** August 20 - Cedar Catholic Booster Club Kickoff, August 22 - Holy Trinity Fly-in Breakfast, August 22-33 - Senior Retreat, August 24 - Student Pictures, September 1 - 12:00 Dismissal, September 6 - No School, September 7 - Freshman Retreat, September 15 - 2:30 Dismissal and September 16 - Next School Board Meeting at 7:30 pm.

**FR. KORTE'S REPORT:** Will be sending out a letter to all families in our corporate parishes to complete the Moving Cedar Forward Campaign to get the approximately \$93,000 loan paid off. Once the loan is paid off then will move forward with the new Wrestling Facility. Cedar received a \$290,000 donation from the Clifford Filips estate. The Endowment Board has met and plans to put the donation into an Endowment and from the interest to offer \$400 scholarships to all incoming 7th grade students. Youth Rally is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021. The Youth Rally will include 10 schools with approximately 600 kids attending.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**TRANSPORTATION:** Charter bus needs to have a part replaced on the AC. It should be up in running this next week. 2018 Bus is currently not running waiting for a part to come in. CCHS is third in line to get the part. The Minibus was sold on BigIron Auction for \$9,100.

**GROUNDS AND BUILDING:** All 6 Basketball hoops in the Msgr. Werner gym have been re-cabeled.

**FINANCE:** Budget and expenses were reviewed. Fr. Jim Keither motioned to approve the financial report, seconded by Wendy Stevens. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Consider and Adopt Bullying/Harassment Policy:** Fr. Jim Keither motioned to adopt the Bullying/Harassment Policy, seconded by Wendy Stevens. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.
- 2) **Consider and Adopt Professional Boundaries Policy:** Fr. Owen Korte motioned to adopt the Professional Boundaries Policy, seconded by Fr. Jim Keither. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.
- 3) **Discuss Covid Response Protocol:** Will remain the same unless there is a spike in the area.
- 4) **Discuss Staffing for the 2021-2022 School year:** Mrs. Katie Lammers was hired and is in the process of getting Nebraska certified. She will be the Media Specialist and will teach Jr. High Theology and Jr. High Science.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Discuss and Consider Steaming Athletic Contests:** Hartelco will no longer be televising school activities. The National Federation of High Schools has a network and will provide cameras for the recording. The school would need to schedule when they want the cameras to run. Subscribers will pay a \$10 monthly fee paid to the NFHS for providing the service. Wendy Stevens motioned for the NFHS to provide the service, seconded by Fr. Jim Keiter. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.
- 2) **Discuss and Consider Wrestling Building Placement:** Fr. Owen Korte suggested placement of the New Wrestling building to be at the south end of the parking lot of the Msgr. Werner Activity Center. Wendy Stevens motioned to approve the placement seconded by Fr. Jim Keiter. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Beckie Polak made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pat Steffen. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote. Next meeting will be on September 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

The closing prayer was led by Fr. Jim Keiter

Respectfully Submitted by Beckie Polak, Secretary