

CEDAR CATHOLIC JR. - SR. HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
Thursday, October 21, 2021

The October 21, 2021 meeting was called to order by Miranda Bernecker. Meeting opened with a prayer by Fr. Owen Korte.

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were not available. Will approve at the 11/18/2021 meeting.

**AGENDA:** Fr. Jim Keiter motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Brian Pinkelman. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

**REPORTS:**

**CEDAR DEVELOPMENT:** See email from Development Office.

**MR. UTTECHT'S REPORT: Jr. High STAR Testing:** 7th and 8th grade completed STAR testing in areas of Reading and Math. Students will be assessed again in Winter and Spring. **Gender Dysphoria Policy:** Due to the recommendation from the Archdiocese of Omaha Cedar will be developing a policy related to gender dysphoria. **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Were held on October 20th. Cedar had 75% participation from parents. **Upcoming Dates:** October 22 - No School Fall Break, October 22 - State Cross Country, October 25 - 7th Grade Retreat, October 25-26 Volleyball Subdistricts, October 26 - 8th Grade Retreat, October 29 - State Football Playoffs, November 3 - Discipleship Groups, November 3 - 12:00 Dismissal, November 4-6 State Volleyball, November 11 - Veterans' Day Program at HNPS, November 15 - First day of Winter Practices, November 16 - National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, November 17 - Youth Rally, and November 18 - Next School Board Meeting at 7:30 pm.

**FR. KORTE'S REPORT: Future of Cedar Catholic:** With shortage of priests need to start considering and thinking about how Cedar Catholic will operate. Consider moving to a President/Principal model, where the President of Cedar Catholic would not be a priest.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2016 Yukon is being repaired from an accident with a deer. Another grant opportunity with the Nebraska Energy and Environment for a bus has become available. It would offer a 30% rebate and the bus would need to be a 2019 or newer for the grant.

**GROUNDS AND BUILDING: Wrestling Building:** Fr. Owen Korte & Joan Potts are continuing to meet with the Wrestling Building Committee to finalize costs and donations. Two more motors were replaced on the basketball hoops in MWAC. A compressor in the HVAC unit went out in MWAC and has been replaced.

**FINANCE:** Budget and expenses were reviewed. Brian Pinkelman motioned to approve the financial report, seconded by Beckie Polak. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Review and Consider Updated School Board Bylaws:** Fr. Jim Keiter motioned to adopt the School Board Bylaws, seconded by Wendy Stevens. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Hear and Consider a Proposal from the Senior Class regarding a Senior Trip:** Seniors did not have information at this time.
- 2) Fr. Owen Korte motioned to accept the resignation of Mr. Knaak, seconded by Fr. Jim Keiter. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

**Executive Session:**

At 8:32 pm Fr. Owen Korte motioned to go into executive session seconded by Fr. Jim Keiter. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote. At 8:41 pm Fr. Jim Keiter motioned to leave executive session seconded by Fr. Owen Korte. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Beckie Polak made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fr. Jim Keiter. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote. Next meeting will be on November 18, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

The closing prayer was led by Fr. Jim Keiter  
Respectfully Submitted by Beckie Polak, Secretary