

SETON EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 16, 2017

at

SETON CATHOLIC

Present: Msgr. Dennis Duprey, Fr. Timothy Canaan, Fr. Scott Seymour, Fr. William Reamer, Christopher Hay, Brian Snell, Michael Howley, Stacie Chapman, Stephen Gagnier, Martha Frost, Patrick McGill, Lynn Gilbert, Sister Helen Hermann, Susan Pellerin, Christine Boule, and Sally Yanulavich.

Excused: Cheryl Kabeli and John Deon

President Christopher Hay called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. Msgr. Duprey led the Opening Prayer.

Agenda: Motion to accept – Christine Boule; seconded by Patrick McGill - unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Stephen Gagnier moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Fr. Scott Seymour – unanimously approved.

Public Comment: none

Student Council Report: None

Principal's Reports:

Sister Helen Hermann – Seton Academy

Sr. Helen submitted a written report, which was sent to all Council members prior to the meeting. Sister reported plumbing issues in the boy's bathroom and a water pressure issue in a first grade classroom. Tuition assistance has been received in the amount of about \$6,000.00; that is slightly less than last year.

Lynn Gilbert – Seton Catholic

Lynn submitted a written report, which she provided to all Council members. She went over that report. Lynn reported that the cost for the hockey merger (each participating school contributes for their student[s]) might be \$1,400.00 for the school payment. Seton has four boy hockey players. On that issue Sally Yanulavich reported there has been no bill from PHS yet and that Mary Forbes received a letter from PHS that was very general in nature.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Grounds

Stephen Gagnier reported. He is still checking on the chimney with Bayside Chimney. As to the roof repair, three leaks still exist. Lake Champlain Roofing will be called.

Catholic Identity

No news.

Development

Susan Pellerin provided a report. The Roundtable is coming along. A list of St. John's graduates she obtained added seventy names to her alumni list. She is working with Jeff Wood regarding future Alumni weekends. She raised the issue about restarting the Hall of Fame. She indicated that the recent Emmaus meeting was excellent and reminded everyone that all the members of the Seton Family need to be positive spokespersons for the schools. Chris Hay spoke about the parents mentioning that there was too much fundraising. There was some discussion regarding fundraising. Susan spoke about their mailings, which "remind" those not still somehow connected with the school(s) about their alma mater. Sister Helen mentioned gifts for Catholic Schools Week.

Finance

Seton Catholic – Brian Snell had nothing to add to the financial report submitted to all Council members. Christine spoke. The Bishop's Fund money is in and it is a little more than last year. She reported that many families are paying very little on their own towards tuition. For example, the Bishop's Fund letter that the Fund contribution is about \$700.00 per student and that some high school families are only paying \$50.00 about that. Christine also indicated that Seton Catholic is short on international student money at this point.

Seton Academy – There were no issues with the financial report. At a fundraising meeting last week there were about 20 parents in attendance, all from Seton Academy.

Unfinished Business

Fundraising Policy – Cheryl was not present so this issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Website Issue – There was much discussion.

Sister Helen indicated that she had contacted Lyn Premo and Hank Racette.

Documents were provided to all which contained emails between Lyn Premo, Hank Racette, and Lynn Gilbert that contain much information regarding the process and concerns about this issue. Those documents also contained a letter from Lyn Premo to Msgr. Duprey regarding a recent conversation he had with her regarding this issue. Msgr. spoke indicating that perhaps someone with technical expertise needs to meet with the two principals, Lyn Premo and Hank Racette and that in his discussion with Lyn Premo she said she would like to help Seton in any way she could. He reiterated that our overarching objective is a single system for the schools. Father Scott asked about contacting the Diocesan IT office to see if they could help. Lynn Gilbert indicated that they could contact Lyn Premo and Hank Racette.

Executive Session

At 7:06 p.m. Stacie Chapman moved that the Education Council enter Executive Session. That motion was seconded by Brian Snell and passed unanimously. Immediately thereafter the Education Council entered Executive Session. At 7:54 p.m. Father Scott moved that the Council end this Executive Session; This was seconded by Patrick McGill and unanimously approved. Immediately thereafter the Council emerged from Executive Session.

Topics for Next Meeting

Fundraising; Membership issues.

Adjournment

Adjournment at 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting - Seton Academy on December 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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