

**Joint School Board Meeting  
Desales & CFS Schools  
St. Aloysius Church Basement**

**Meeting Date:** March 22, 2018

**Meeting Time:** 5:30 pm

**Next Meeting Date:** April 17, 2018

**Next Meeting Time:** 5:30 pm

**Members Present:**

Kathy Donovan x  
Heather Engelhardt x  
Amy Taylor x  
Greg Schmitt x  
Grant Shimek x  
Shira Streeter x  
Gwen Imoehl x

Kim Rothmeyer x  
Sara Vagts x  
Ashley Goltz x  
Wendy Kuennen x  
Jessica Peters x  
Tam Bodensteiner x

**Representatives present:** Father Gross, Katie Schmitt, Kristin Kriener, Kim Hermsen

**Guests present:** Derek Taylor, Jeannie Frana, Paul Frana, Alan Elsbernd, Al Hauber, Steve Kuboushek

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**Regular Meeting Called to Order:** Kim Hermsen at 5:30pm

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Father Gross - Book of Numbers 14:1-25 “The murmuring of the people and the intervention of Moses”

**Finalize the names given to the Archbishop for the new school**

- Blind vote - Mother Theresa - 9, St Isidore – 6
- Father Gross and Kim Hermsen will work on a letter to the Arch Bishop with first and second choice recommendations and develop a plan to announce the new school name.
- Naming committee will take lead on colors and design
- Father Gros’s brother is an art teacher and will help with paintings

## **Finance and Fundraising Committees**

### Finance - Goal

1. Help administrators develop a working budget that accurately reflects the schools financial needs.
2. Provide in depth analysis of school financial statements and make recommendations to both the school board and administration on these matters.
3. Explore the long term financial picture of the school and be proactive in bringing important issues to the attention of the appropriate people.
4. Assist the administration when needed in both short and long term financial decisions.

Kim Rothmeyer will help facilitate migrating the existing consolidation committee into a more structured financial support group for the joint schools.

### Proposed names:

- Dan Kuboushek
- Christi Meyer
- Derek Taylor
- Allanda Gehling
- Ryan Wiltgen
- Stacy Kleppe
- Wally Witt
- Kim and/or James Rothmeyer
- Debbie Schmitt
- Heather Bullerman

### Fundraising

1. Understand current fundraising efforts of both schools and scheduled upcoming activities.
2. Successfully integrate the two schools fundraising and script programs.
3. Develop a working long term model for fundraising that uses the best ideas from both schools.
4. Provide recommendations to the school board and administration on all fundraising matters.
5. Setup a system that provides clarity and long term growth opportunities for the school fundraising programs. .

Amy Taylor to start the committee work and share scope.

### Proposed Names:

- Brandi and TJ Schissel
- Brad and Kelly Elsbernd
- Renee Frana
- Ryan and Kristi Wiltgen
- Mike and April Steffans
- Karla Baumler
- Marie Conway
- Jackie Becker
- Carol Schnelle
- Darcy and Daren Einck

Action item for both committees to meet prior to the next joint board meeting.

## **Grade Configurations**

Discussed the benefits of having split classroom grades in the same building.

Benefits:

- Students socially (some classrooms have only 3 boys/girls)
- Educationally can challenge and support students at different levels
- Multiple teachers for the same grade can work together
- Bottom line - allow one classroom for smaller the grades with low enrollment

Concern:

- Bussing little kids to the opposite side of the district

Unanimous agreement that having both classrooms for the same grade in the same building is the best solution.

## **2-Building vs 3-Building Configurations**

Reviewed configuration options. No decisions have been made on building configurations.

Recognize the need for communication to teachers, Parish councils, community, etc. To facilitate sharing the configuration options with the benefits and challenges of each, the following actions will be taken:

- Create cfsdesales@gmail.com account - Jessica Peters
- Create a Youtube Video to share the progress of the joint board. Feature Kristin Krienter, Katie Schmitt, Grant Shimek, Gwen Imoehl, and Father Gross - Jessica Peters will help create the video by April 3. Email address will be a way for people to ask questions to the joint school board prior to a community forum.
- Joint board meeting April 17 to discuss questions
- Community Forum on Tuesday, April 24 @ 6:30pm Festina following 5:45pm mass at Our Lady of Seven Dolors

## **Consolidation timeline**

The consolidation timeframe will continue as originally communicated and cannot really slow down or speed up. Kim shared the different documents and milestones the joint board needs to work towards.

Articles of Incorporation – legally binding new organization/employer

New corporation to start on January 1, 2019, allows all payroll to be wrapped up December 31, 2018. This comes highly recommended by legal. Payroll will be taken over by new school January 1 - In the Articles of merger, it will state 'new school name' to take over.

Consolidation Agreement – new school owns everything (not buildings) - This document lays out maintenance and where subsidies are (Parish breakdown). The new organization picks up all existing liabilities and responsibilities.

Constitution – new board layout. New board needs to be functioning by January 2019 to handle teacher contracts. Functioning together in October would enable tuition and STO discussions to take place. Discussed having a transitional board and what that would look like. Currently CFS has 2 people from each of the parishes, DeSales has 7. This spring, CFS has 2 representatives with terms expiring, Desales has 3. Requested input from the Governance Committee during the next joint board meeting to help navigate this process.

### **Tentative Agenda for next joint board meeting**

Questions from video

2 vs 3 building configurations

Governance

- Share suggestions for a transitional board and new board make-up
- Parish Subsidy

Finance and Fundraising committee report

**Adjournment:** 7:26pm