



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
STELLA MARIS ACADEMY  
April 4, 2019  
St. John's Campus**

**Present:** Bishop Paul Sirba, Bob Lisi (Chair), Karen Newstrom, Barry Bigelow, Fr. Peter Muhich, Paul Fitzgerald, Steve Olson, Fr. Rich Kunst, Fr. Drew Braun, Hilaire Hauer, President, *ex officio*

**Excused:** Laura Schauer, Fr. Jim Bissonette, Sharon Mollerus, Cynthia Zook, Director of Schools, *ex officio*

**Guests:** Peggy Frederickson, Jesse Murray, Julianne Blazevec, Ryan Blazevec, Nick Minardi

**Opening Prayer:** The meeting convened at 3:00 with a prayer led by Fr. Drew Braun.

**Agenda approved**

**Mission Moments:**

- One of our priests shared the blessing in seeing many of our students receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation made available more regularly during the season of Lent.
- Another member expressed appreciation for the growing presence of area priests serving in support of our educational ministry.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2019 Board Meeting moved and seconded. Carried.**

**Development Committee:**

Board members shared feedback on development priorities, noting a desire to cultivate sustaining partnerships supporting operational stability. The 2019-2020 budget also includes opportunities to support increased investments in curriculum advancement and professional development.

**Facilities Committee:**

The Facilities Committee reported energy audits will be conducted at all three campuses on April 18<sup>th</sup> complementing the overall facility assessments initiated earlier this year. The Board is grateful for the team of volunteers dedicated to providing a thorough assessment and robust facility management plan.

**Finance Committee:**

Mr. Fitzgerald presented a Non-budgeted Expenditures Policy prepared by the Finance Committee for Board approval. **Approval of the Non-budgeted Expenditures Policy as presented** moved by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded and carried.

**School Strategic Plan:**

The principals presented an outline of information that will be summarized at the State of the School event on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will include sharing an educational philosophy statement, defining key terms pertaining to Catholic liberal education, and areas of implementation planned for the 2019/2020 school year.

**State of the School Event:**

Planning is underway for the State of the School event to be held at the St. John's Campus on May 2nd from 4:30-6:00pm. Four topics reflected in the school strategic plan will be discussed; curriculum advancement, governance, faith formation, and school community. Presenters and board members will be available to receive feedback on these topics, helping shape the work we do going forward.

**Chaplain Position:**

Mr. Lisi presented the idea of establishing a Chaplain position from among the board priests. Members requested a list of duties intended for this role for future discussion. No action was taken on this topic.

**Board Chair Selection:**

At the April board meeting, the Board nominated Mr. Lisi to serve a second 2-year term as Board Chair. Bishop Sirba accepted the Board's nomination and extended appreciation for Mr. Lisi's willingness to serve in this role.

**Executive Session:** Entered at 4:50pm

**Adjourned** with closing prayer at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lisi