

## **Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School**

### **School Board Minutes**

**January 23, 2014**

**Attendance:** Rick Epple, Danny Patterson, Rhonda Eurich, Melinda Young Dr. Constance Krocak, Linda Johnson, Molly Price-Munson, Jesse Neve, Mary Ament-Johnson and Cheryl Hibbard, Kirk Geadelman and Tara Collins

**Absent:** Jen Reier

#### **Opening Prayer**

- Fr. Tony
  - One year anniversary of the announcement of the school closing
  - This is God's work – unless the Lord builds the house, those who labor, labor in vain
  - We have a tremendous amount of responsibility – with appointing comes the anointing
  - Always remember to pause and give thanks
  - God gives us talent, ability and huge amount of grace

#### **Minutes**

- 1-9-14 minutes approved.

#### **West Suburban Catholic Elementary School Collaborative (WESTCo) – Dr. Krocak**

- Eight parishes involved in the collaboration are: Guardian Angels School, Chaska; Notre Dame Academy, Minnetonka; St. Bartholomew-mew School, Wayzata; St. Bernard School, Cologne; St. John the Baptist School, Excelsior; St. Joseph School, Waconia; and St. Therese School, Deephaven, as well as Our Lady of the Lake
- Us losing the ability to govern our own school would be a deal breaker
- Areas with potential:
  - Fundraising
  - Resource sharing/online
  - Staff development/collaboration
  - Group purchasing
- Next step is to go public with our agreement to enter into the collaborative – will be in Feb. 1 weekend bulletin and week of Feb. 3 school newsletter
- The archdiocese will fund a coordinator position for 18 months
- AIM HIGHER – founded years ago raised a substantial amount of money (Gayle)
- Mike Reier cautioned with some concerns
- OLL has:
  - Solid leadership
  - A facility that is paid for
  - Financial stability
- What we lose:
  - Possible loss of families from schools that may close in the next few years
  - Possible loss of OLL's school culture
- Vote to stay in the conversation – 9 approved, 1 opposed and 1 abstained

## **State of the School**

- Agenda
  - Fr. Tony – 10 minutes
  - Connie – 10 minutes
  - Kirk – 15 minutes
  - Rick – 10 minutes
  - Q&A

## **OLL+**

- Motion to increase tuition to \$1,500/child/school year
- Motion approved

## **Preschool**

- Currently going through National Accreditation process
- If we get accredited – we would be one of two in our area
- We will know outcome by May, 2014

## **Update from Connie**

- 100 kids enrolled!!!

## **Motion to adjourn**

- Approved

**Next meeting – Thursday, March 6, 2014**