

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**STELLA MARIS ACADEMY**  
**Stella Maris Academy High School Campus**  
**November 3, 2022**

**Present:** Fr. Seth Gogolin (Chair), Sr. Kathleen Del Monte, Nick Minardi, Bob Lisi, Joe Gerard, John Kenney, Fr. Jim Bissonette, Margaret Romano, Paul Fitzgerald, Andrew Busam, Andrew Hilliker (President, *ex officio*), Wade Mathers (Director of Schools, *ex officio*)

**Absent:** Karen Newstrom, Fr. Tony Wroblewski, Fr. Rich Kunst

**Guests:** Kendra Martin, Michelle Compton, Alyssa Blazevic, Ashley Ring, Cameron Skrivanek, Rachel Curtis, Julianne Blazevic.

**Opened at 3:00 PM with prayer.**

**Mission Moments:**

Bishop's Dinner was a fantastic event. The speakers were excellent and the capital campaign video roll out was a moving moment expressing the great joy for our mission.

**Public Comments**

Rachel Curtis shared a desire to reconsider the grade configuration proposed that would move 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade from St. James and St. John's Campuses to the High School Campus. Concerns with travel time and impact to the school community. Desire there be a choice for families to either go to the HS campus or stay at St. James.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was Moved by Sister Kathleen, seconded and carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Andrew B, seconded and carried.

**SMA High School Student Government Constitution and By-Laws**

Michelle Compton (9<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisor) opened the request for Board consideration to adopt a high school student government constitution and by-laws. Ashley Ring and Alyssa Blazevic stated the request along with the desire to partner with the SMA Board in the continued development of the SMA High School program.

SMA Board Policy and Planning Committee will review the bylaws and advise a motion to the Board at the December board meeting.

**President/Administration Update:**

*High School Building:*

- SMA was able to see some improvement on the door lead time such that we anticipate having access to the top two floors early February.
- Watermain addition - Northland is currently working on this project and when done will allow the adequate water supply for our fire suppression system needs.

- Financing - North Shore Bank Board unanimously approved the construction loan.

*Grade Configuration Feedback:*

- A video presentation to share the proposed grade configuration model was shared with families last week, faculty/staff the weeks prior. Meetings were held at each of the campuses as well as an opportunity to provide feedback through a virtual survey.

*Bishop's Dinner:*

- Msgr. Shea and Bishop Felton led an exceptional Bishop's Dinner this year with over 200 guests in attendance.

*Sentinel Spirit:*

- SMA's Autumn publication has been sent to the mail house and will be provided to families digitally in next Friday's SMA update. The publication will be followed up with an appeal to our Sentinel Annual Fund (annual appeal).

*EANS III:*

- As shared at the October board meeting, the third round of EANS funds (remaining covid funds) has been allocated. SMA is eligible and able to expend funds from this allocation (not reimbursable) if we choose. Eligible expenses are restricted to:
  - Mental health services to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Professional development assist staff in addressing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Partnership with college education departments to develop educator training programs
  - Counseling of K-6 grades to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Resources to help nonpublic schools further research test/assessment data in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on students' learning loss

*Enrollment:*

- Total school enrollment currently stands at 579 students.

*SMA Community Open House at SJA:*

- The event had two objectives: engage our current families in community and invite new families that may be interested in SMA to visit. We had 9 prospective families and 1 community member tour the school.

**Motion to approve Andrew Hilliker and Fr. Seth Gogolin as signers for the high school campus construction loan moved by Fr. Jim Bissonette, seconded and carried.**

**Financial Committee:**

Request for board members to provide input on the content desired in simplified financial reports

**Policy and Planning:**

Committee proposes serving as the Strategic Plan Steering Committee with Andrew and Bob chairing the committee and adding faculty/staff representatives, targeting 8 total committee members.

Committee welcomed Kendra Martin as a new member.

**Nomination for Vice Chair:**

Nomination presented by John Kenney to name Bob Lisi as Vice Chair beginning with the December executive committee meeting through the end of June. **Motion by Sr. Kathleen, seconded and carried.**

**Moved to work session at 3:58 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lisi

Board Member on behalf of Karen Newstrom – Board Secretary