

**SEVEN DOLORS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**School Meeting Room**  
**January 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**(Unapproved)**

**I. Call to order**

A. Prayer: Jason

B. Roll Call

Board Members: Priya Felling, Angie Rushmeyer, Paul Schiffler, Jason Spsychala, Karla Zierden, Vicki Winkels, Joe Stangler, Fr. Edward, Maria Heymans-Becker

Present: Angie Rushmeyer, Paul Schiffler, Jason Spsychala, Karla Zierden, Vicki Winkels, Fr. Edward, Maria Heymans-Becker

Absent: Priya Felling, Joe Stangler

**II. Recommended Actions**

A. Routine Matters

1. Approval of the Agenda – Vicki made motion, Jason second, approved
2. Approval of Minutes from December meeting – Angie made motion, Karla second, approved
3. Review of finances – quarterly reports (Sept., Dec., Mar., & June) – No report this month

B. New Business

1. Presentation by Alicia Green on STEM Program & possibility of implementing STEM lab at HFS & Donna Huckenpoehler sharing how she has incorporated STEM projects into HFS curriculum – Currently in education there are a couple of things to think about- could have STEM or STEAM (art component) many elementary schools don't have art curriculum so STEAM would include the art portion. Likely with our size it would not be a necessity to have a full STEM/STEAM lab and perhaps not enough staff to create or have a space tinker lab, but looking at purchasing and implementing more STEM/STEAM at HFS.

-Start with the T component from MN Dept. of Ed- Technology. Wide arrange we could incorporate so would pick a couple of them. (robotics, computer coding, transportation, engineering, etc.). Would recommend 3D printer, specifically the Makerbot printer.

\*What is main goal of integrating the STEM technology? What do we want our kids to know when they leave here? What do we want them to be able to do? Will Donna do all STEM or will it integrate into the classrooms- something we would have to decide.

\*Robotic technology you could use the sphero ball, Legos, etc.

\*Our kids already know how to do this stuff, so if we don't allow them to utilize these skills and build on their knowledge we are having them leave the school with a disservice.

\*Top of the list per Alicia's input would likely be the sphero ball (because it crosses so many class integration ideas) and the 3D printer.

- Donna advised that HFS has done coding and puzzlets. Soon they will be getting out the break out boxes and the grow tower again. Promotes the kids working together and collaboration.

-Will put on next agenda to determine budgeting the money made from the Ranger raffle in order to move forward on what to purchase and implement regarding STEM.

- Discussed working on a 3-year (or more) STEM Plan by the HFS Technology Committee to begin the process of prioritizing equipment & projects desired in the curriculum.

### C. Unfinished/Continued Business

1. Follow-up on 2020-2021 school calendar, RE: 1<sup>st</sup> day of school (request from faculty) – Students would come 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of September noting they are much more tuned-in to school rather than extend the year by 3 days into June. There is after-school childcare and also a.m. childcare (before school) and families could help each other out if needed for rides/transportation possibly. End date would be Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup>, and teacher day Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>. Vicki made a motion to tentatively approve that HFS begin the 1<sup>st</sup> of September with the end date being May 27<sup>th</sup> considering we would not have busing on the first three days of school as the public school is not starting the school year until September 8<sup>th</sup>. Albany Schools and HFS calendars are tentative at this point. HFS will wait until Albany Schools' calendar is finalized before we make a final decision on the HFS calendar's start and end dates. Jason made second. All were in favor.
2. Review & approve truancy policy to go along with HFS's current attendance policy – Karla made motion, Vicki made second, all approved.
3. Review of latest budget draft – reviewed and discussed.
4. Make decision on tuition increase for 2020-2021- Family tuition cap is currently \$5,735.00 and individual K-6 tuition is \$2,200.00. Maria will email and board will vote on this (via email), since we did not have a quorum at this point in the meeting.
5. Continue discussion & make decision on preschool programming options for next year – Open house for preschool and kindergarten is scheduled for Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 mass. Board was comfortable with HFS seeking if there is interest in a pre-school/kindergarten multi-age learning model for the afternoon (M/W/F) next year.
6. Further discussion on Gr.6 for next year – will wait until February to make a decision on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### III. Information and Proposals

- A. Pastor – provided new Strategic Plan for Harvest of Hope Catholic Community.
- B. Principal Update – Maria provided principal's report. Board members are invited & encouraged to be present at SnowBall and also at the Preschool/K Open House after the 10:30am mass for Catholic School's Week on Sunday 1/26/2020 11:30 am-1pm. HFS will be doing a Catholic schools/thank you mass at every church in our ACC, so we will be doing one at St. Anthony on 2/2/2020 8:30 am, but only 2 HFS families are at that church. Maria asked if other families would be interested in assisting with this mass.
- C. Committee Reports – None
- D. Confidential Matters – None
- E. Parish Council Meeting Rep for next council meeting (Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.) – Joe Stangler

### IV. Next Board meeting: Mon., February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:08pm

