

HELIAS HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2021 (Preliminary)

HELIAS CATHOLIC MISSION STATEMENT

Helias Catholic High School is committed to providing excellence in education as established on the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church for students in grades 9-12. Working in partnership with families, we are dedicated to providing a disciplined environment where Christ and His graces in each person are recognized, respected and fostered. As a teaching institution founded on the traditions of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and the LaSalle Christian Brothers, we challenge our students spiritually, academically and physically as we help them to be active, lifelong, enthusiastic participants in the Church.

Ms. Fuemmeler welcomed all Advisory Council members and called the meeting to order.

Father Mike Penn opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Helias Catholic Mission Statement was read together by all members.

Those who attended in person were: Kenya Fuemmeler, Mike Winter, Julie Zerr, Barb Prasad, Terry Bruns.

Those who attended with Zoom were: Serina Moellers, Mike Bruns, Father Mike Penn, Kim Radmacher, Heidi Vollet, Jeremy Winegar.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Financial Report – Jeremy Winegar

Building and Grounds Committee – No report this month

Investment Committee – No report this month

Catholic Identity - No report this month

Marketing Committee – No report this month

Helias Foundation – No report this month

NEW BUSINESS:

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021/2022:

Ms. Fuemmeler reported that there will be no major changes to the upcoming calendar. Moving back to a seven period day with hours of 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The following dates have been finalized for the 21/22 school calendar

August 16th - First day of school for the Juniors & Seniors

August 17th - First day of school for the Freshman and Sophomores

August 18th - First day of school for all students.

September 13th - Helias Foundation's golf tournament

December 15-17 - End of semester finals

December 18-January 3 - No School Christmas Break

April 14-18 - No School Easter Break

May 19-20 - End of semester finals

May 22 - Graduation

FINANCIAL AUDIT:

Ms. Fuemmeler reported that preparation has begun for the procedural and fiscal audits. The procedural audit will start at the beginning of April and into May. Ms. Fuemmeler recommended the fiscal audit start in September. The Diocese will pay for the audit.

LEADERSHIP UPDATE:

Ms. Fuemmeler reported that the Executive Board met and there will be a national search for President. Partners in Mission has been retained to conduct the nationwide search. Qualified local candidates are encouraged to apply.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Ms. Fuemmeler reported that the school's attendance policy may need to be updated for the 2021-2022

handbook. Previously there were just a few students that were chronically absent. This school year there has been an increase in the number of students that are missing from school on a regular basis.

VIRTUS TRAINING:

In the fall of 2020, safe environment policies were updated to strengthen how our diocese is protecting the vulnerable among us by training employees, priests, deacons, and religious, adults, youth, and volunteers in our parishes, including our schools. The new diocesan policy requires all parents or guardians to have completed a background check and VIRTUS training for enrollment starting with the 21-22 school year. The policy applies to any parent or guardian who has custody or involvement in the child's life. Any other volunteers must also complete this training and the background checks. Parents who have already completed the training do not need to do so again.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel issues.

FUTURE ITEMS of DISCUSSION:

Ms. Fuemmeler closed the meeting with prayer.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Ashley