

Luther High School Board of Control and Conference of Delegates Meeting Notes 2/6/13

1. **Co-Operative Team Ad Hoc Committee Report:** By a vote of 33 to 20 the COD approved the committee's recommendation to *"give approval for Luther High School's athletic director to secure a gymnastics co-op for the 2013-14 / 2014-15 winter sport season with a public lead school. This co-op would serve as a pilot program based upon the guidelines stated in their report. The co-operative agreement will be reviewed at the conclusion of each season."*
2. **Classroom Addition Motion"** A motion to direct the Lift High the Cross Committee to explore costs of building classrooms and provide a brief report at the May meeting of the COD was defeated 27 to 22.
3. **Funding Motion:** The COD passed a motion to allow the Lift High the Cross Committee to begin to gather funds 50% of whatever is received would be directed to the building fund and 50% of whatever is received would be directed to general tuition assistance. As the focus of the original Lift High the Cross committee has changed there was a request that the Board appoint a new Lift High the Cross committee. Board of Control members will contact those who had been serving on that committee to follow up on this request.
4. **2013-14 Tuition Rates:** No increase from 2012-13 rates.
5. **Technology Fee:** The COD approved Technology Fee of \$150 for each student beginning with 2013-14 school year. It was felt this more accurately reflects the increase in the technology budget to \$50,000 as was strongly recommended by the recent independent technology audit.
6. **Tuition Policy:** The COD approved the following change to the tuition policy; *"Students may not be able to participate in co-curricular activities until their account is in good standing. If payment is missed for any reason, you will be sent a letter and given 15 days to make that payment and become current on your account. At the 15th day after the missed payment the student may become ineligible for all co-curricular activities. Account must be in good standing by semester exams or the student may not be readmitted the next semester and your account may be turned over to a collection agency."*
7. **Transcript Fee:** The Board approved establishing a fee of \$3 for transcript records.
8. **Athletic Fee:** The COD approved increasing the athletic fee to \$75 for one sport, \$125 maximum per student, and \$225 maximum per family.
9. **Preliminary 2013-14 Budget:** The preliminary budget is based on a freshmen enrollment of 65. Currently we have received 59 applications. 30 of these applications are from families that will be new to Luther High School. There are 12 students who previously have indicated they plan to enroll who have not done so yet. We are grateful

for this blessing and the opportunity to assist parents in the Christian education and training of their children. The budget also is based on the Synod salary code. It also reflects health insurance coverage at \$500 deductible with an employee premium contribution of 7.5%.

10. **Tuition Assistance Mailing:** Tuition assistance letters will go out in mid-February. This includes all 8th grade students. Deadline for completed applications and support documents is April 1.
11. **Good Steward Resale Shop:** The Good Steward budgeted \$260,625 in support of various Luther High School programs for 2013. We give thanks to God for all of the volunteers who make the Good Steward Store possible and the financial blessings provided through their efforts.
12. **Friends of Luther:** In 2012, through the various activities and programs of the Friends of Luther God has provided nearly \$64,000 in support of many Luther High School activities and programs. For this we also extend our thanks to the many who work in support of their activities and our gratitude to God for blessing their labors.
13. **Heritage Fund:** Information and envelopes were made available to all congregations.
14. **STEF Account:** The current balance in the Student Tuition Endowment Fund is \$661,155.00
15. **Chapel and Building Fund:** The current balance in the Chapel and Building Fund is \$452,971.94
16. **Designated Building Fund Gift:** The current balance \$118,879.10 (This is in addition to total in point #10.) In a few weeks the final details of the main portion of this gift will be finalized.
17. **COD Survey Highlights:** 39 members of the COD responded to the survey focusing on communication.
 - 41% provide oral and written report LHS report to their congregation; 36% provide only an oral report; 10% provide only a written report, 13% do not give a Luther High report
 - 78% provide reports to Church Council, 16% provide reports to Board of Education; 56% provide reports at Voters' meetings; 3% provide report to Ladies Aid
 - Frequency of reports: 9% provide annual report; 28% provide quarterly reports; 25% provide monthly reports; 19% indicated the reports are provided inconsistently; 9% indicated they do not share an LHS report
 - LHS reports in congregational newsletter: 56% share LHS information in congregational newsletter and 44% do not.
 - Distribution of "Cymbal": 62% provide members with copy; 35% hand out Cymbal or make it available in the narthex; 3% do not distribute the Cymbal

- 70% of more of respondents indicated that sufficient information provided in the following areas: MVO, financial matters, tuition, tuition assistance; athletics, music, & drama
 - Greater efforts to communicate information are needed in these areas: needed financial support from congregations, student organizations (WINGS team, Pro-Life Knights, NHS, Student Council)
18. **WIAA Recommendation:-** The WIAA is recommending that West Salem move from the Coulee Conference to the Mississippi Valley Conference in 2014. West Salem and all other Coulee Conference schools are not in favor of this change. Administrators from all of the Coulee Conference Schools have met to plan a presentation to the WIAA Board of Control, scheduled for April 23,2013.
 19. **ALHS Annual Meeting:** Pastor Arndt, Mr. Hahm and Mr. Wichmann plan to attend the March 7th and 8th meeting in Milwaukee. The theme for the conference is “Common Core Standards”
 20. **Mobile Computer Labs** – The donation of 30 laptops from Gundersen Lutheran adds a 2nd mobile computer lab. There is a possibility of additional donation of laptop computers. Funding is needed for software licenses, cart to move the lab around, & replacement batteries. Approximate cost is \$6500. The Board approved funding from Cell Tower funds.
 21. **Bus Contract:** We are in the fifth year of our five year contract with First Student, which parallels La Crosse School District’s contract. The Board approved First Student’s proposal for a 2% increase each of the next five years.
 22. **LHS Foundation Report & Elections:** The total of all accounts managed by the Foundation is approximately \$2,7 million. Mr. Dan Dretzke and Mr. Jeff Komay were elected. We express our gratitude to Mr. John Pieper and Mr Greg Lamprich for their faithful years of service on the Luther High Foundation.
 23. **Care Committee for Called Workers:** Board of Control members will be meeting with several faculty and staff members in the near future.
 24. **Kindergarten Fun ‘N Fitness Day:** On February 6 more than 160 Kindergarten students participated in this event . Our thanks to Mrs. Kari Hanson and the students who made this event possible.