

Update from Burlington Catholic School - Board of Directors

Burlington Catholic School's Board of Directors has been meeting every other week since September. The board has been working diligently to ensure that BCS will be ready for the 2019-2020 school year and wanted to send out an update of who they are and what they have been working on.

We apologize for the delay in communication - our goal is to begin sending out updates a few times per month in order to give everyone more information as it comes.

The BCS Board of Directors consists of four leaders from the former St. Charles and four from the former St. Mary advisory committees, plus a representative from St. Joseph. The Executive committee consists of Chair Alison Pedone, Vice Chair Kendra Gabriel, Treasurer Stacy Alan (who also leads the Finance sub-committee), and Secretary Jennifer Ketterhagen. This executive committee is supported by Board members Scott Stevens (who also leads the Marketing sub-committee), Mario Denoto, Laura Jaimes, Bob Klein, and Mary Ann Johnson. Non-voting members include principals Emily Berg and Loretta Jackson, one trustee from the Board of Trustees (representative varies each meeting), and Fr. Jim. These board members have been nominated, approved, and are working very hard on behalf of our Tri-Parish community to support BCS. We are all stewards of an excellent legacy of Catholic Education in Burlington, and its promising future as One School combining the best of our facilities, family, staff, and traditions.

With a structure and voting body in place, our BCS Board of Directors is pushing forward with plans for the exciting first year as One School in the 2019-2020 school year. We are launching on a journey that will last for generations to follow.

The board has taken time to consider what the key, immediate tasks are for BCS. Some specific tasks we are working on include, but are not limited to developing a marketing plan including new logo and branding, tuition which represents fairness to educators and families alike as well as factoring in the roles that Choice and the Rewald Scholarship will play going forward, discussing location for each class, and staffing. We will have announcements on all of these decisions prior to Catholic Schools Week in January.

The design of BSC is two campuses, one school. Deciding which campus will house which levels is not something we want to rush. It is been discussed at each meeting considering many factors including but not limited to facility size and design, proximity to specials, church, etc., and opportunities for accelerated learning. A decision will be announced very soon.

Curriculum and instruction are crucial areas that require lots of discussion both within the board as well as among the two staffs. Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Berg have been working with their staffs on curriculum alignment between the two schools and among classes considering resources, assessment / grading practices, and data.

In addition to looking at the staff we currently have, we also are in the process hiring a new member of the BCS team - the BCS Business Manager. This position is part of our initial model approved by Archbishop ListECKi and will work hand-in-hand with the Board of Directors, Mrs. Berg, Fr. Jim, and Board of Trustees. It is an exciting proposition when one considers how we will be able to maintain the family and familiarity that attract many to Catholic Education, while at the same time adding a business pro to help ensure BCS remains affordable, compliant, and responsive to those who help pay for the day-to-day operations of an entity the size of BCS.

If you have any questions following the updates, please feel free to contact Mrs. Berg or Mrs. Jackson.