

# Board of Education Meeting

President Melissa Swiecicki called the meeting to order at 6:33

**Board Member Participants:** Jim Goetz, Melissa Swiecicki, Kati Wilwerding, Doug Janulewicz, Craig Ames, Robert Rodriguez, and Tim Sasek.

**Also Attending:** Principal Trish Wallinger, Father Del Lape, and Jennifer Kreps.

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, December 13, 2016

**Minutes By:** Doug Janulewicz

**Approval of Minutes:** Craig motioned to approve November 2016 meeting minutes, Jim seconded. November 2016 meeting minutes approved.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

**School –**

December Calendar highlights:

- Mon 12 PLC(every 2nd Monday)
- Mon 12 H/S Association meeting
- Tue 13 Bud Bot (Lauritzen Garden)  
Dec. 13 (potential field trip to Lauritzen Gardens;  
utilizing grant money for transportation and admission)
- Tue 13 Legion of Mary @330pm
- Wed 14 Reconciliation(6,7,8)
- Wed 14 All School Mass
- Wed 14 PK Christmas Program 2:15
- Wed 14 Freddy's Food Night
- Thu 15 NO CHESS TODAY
- Thu 15 No band practice (afternoon)
- Fri 16 Wits Clash field trip (team)
- Fri 16 Christmas Class Parties
- Mon 19 NO SCHOOL-In-service
- Tue 20 NO SCHOOL until January 4<sup>th</sup> for students

School Survey

Three major areas for focus:

1. Facilities- some concerns about aging buildings, restrooms, cleanliness of buildings
2. Communication about governing bodies- School Board and Home and School Board

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3. Strategic Planning moving forward- there is a need for a comprehensive plan looking at the next 5-10 years

## Energy Audit Report

Creighton University seniors in the Energy Technology Program performed an energy audit on the school. I have a copy of the report for each board member.

## Community Service

The Advent Committee is working on projects and service opportunities to offer our students and families. We are currently collecting mittens, hats, scarves, and coats for distribution to shelters and other agencies who help those in need. Additionally, we are collecting money for the Heifer Project and hope to purchase livestock for people in places like Rwanda, Kenya, and Uganda.

## New Information:

The Archdiocesan Excellence Grant work continues. All classrooms have the new projection equipment installed. We are waiting to finish the electrical upgrades and the installation of access points over the Christmas Break. I-Pads are available to the teachers-four can be check out. Apple televisions will be coming soon.

Work continues on professional development for teachers. The CIP team attended a school improvement workshop and work session on November 29<sup>th</sup>. We were able to work on the new goals. Our AdvancEd visit is in the spring of 2019. Teachers will continue work on data analysis and recommend goals that address the needs of our students.

Thank you for your support of the school mission. We appreciate your service to the St. Mary's community.

**Finance-** Financially where we need to be. Colette is still getting caught up, in the process of switching banks. Colette is also getting both parish and school on one set of financial books to be compliant with Archdiocese.

**Grants-** Technology upgrade in progress. Work through regular grants, Ignite the Faith.

**Religious Education-** Theresa Barta will be handling RE. Mauren Sobilo and Trish Wallinger will handle First Reconciliation.

The following information retained from previous report:

Adult Faith Formation

Monday-"Stephen Ministry" 6-9pm

Tuesday-"Angels of God" 6:30-8:00pm

Wednesday-"Discovering God's Vision for your Life" 1:30-3pm

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Thursday-“Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible” 1:30-3pm

“Mystery of God” 6:30-8:00pm

Friday-That Man is You

Saturday-“Discovering God’s Vision for your Life” 9:00-10:30am

## Family Life

The Choice Wine-by Paradisus Dei-a 7 step program for marriage enrichment starts Sunday, October 23, 3:00-4:30pm; Facilitators are Ted and Cindy Menzel

## Family Afternoon Movies

December 11-The Muppets Christmas Carol

## Sacraments- First Communion/Reconciliation

Committee is forming to develop a First Communion Parent/Child activity evening instead of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade parents meeting. This will be held on February 1, 2017. Parents and Child will be involved in different activities centered around the Eucharist.

## Sacrament Dates Announced.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Reconciliation: January 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am

2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Communion Parents Meeting: 4:45pm or 6:45pm

8<sup>th</sup> grade Rite of Enrollment: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 5pm or April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12:30pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion Practice: April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9-12noon

2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Communion: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm or 2:30pm

8<sup>th</sup> grade Night of Reflection and Rehearsal: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm-8:00pm

8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation: May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2pm –Archbishop Curtiss

Safe Environment will resume in January 2017.

**Youth Ministry-** No Report.

**Athletics-** Basketball is underway, no issues.

**School Development-**Did not meet this month.

**Pastoral Council-** Ministry Fairs was received well by parish. The Pastoral Council will have a second in February. Council is looking at pairing down the number of ministries.

**Home and School-** Annual request for teacher gifts was up 200 from last year. The fall fundraiser pick up was last Friday, slight increase from last year. Food night is tomorrow at the Shadow Lake Freddys location. Home and School has reserved a theater for a view of Sing. Tickets are \$5 and the date is Wednesday, December 28. January 16, 2017 will be an all hands

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meeting for the auction in March 2017. Catholic Schools Week begins January 29, 2017. The school talent show is February 3, 2017.

**President Report-** The School Survey was discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
The meeting was then adjourned at 7:30.