

Board of Education Meeting

President Jim Goetz called the meeting to order at 6:35

Board Member Participants: Jim Goetz, Doug Janulewicz, Melissa Swiecicki, Craig Ames, Jennifer Kreps, Tim Sasek, and Tony Huerta.

Also Attending: Principal Cheryl Castle, Elizabeth Tomaso, Will Targy.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Minutes By: Doug Janulewicz

Ames moved and Kreps seconded a motion to approve the minutes from November. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

School – Grading committee is currently meeting and will continue throughout the year. Several teachers and parents make up the committee.

The handbook is being revised. Some changes include the school uniform. The changes will be noted in the newsletter with additional clarification.

The school is working on the Ignite the Faith Grant. The grant is targeted at an outdoor education program. There will be five phases, to include alternative gardening and a green house.

The school is also working on a ERATE Grant, a Federal Government grant (from phone bill). The grant is used to assist with internet/phone. Looking at an access point in each room, so that data overload would go to other points throughout building. Groundwork will be started this year with securing next year.

Catholic schools week is coming up (January 25-30, 2015). January 19, 2015 is PLC Day (no school) and the PreK/K information night will be February 17, 2015.

Home and School- Food night cancelled for Thursday. February food night will be at D&D Dogs. Talent show is on January 30, 2015. Looking for additional volunteers (judges, escorts, etc.)-Tony indicated he would help out with judging. Safe Environment Training is on Thursday (Jan 15, 2015). There will be a skating party at Skate City, planned for February 22, 2015.

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Sports- - Basketball is underway. There are 12 teams participating. Hoping for a successful and fun year. We will be hosting the 2nd grade Girls tournament at the end of season. We are starting halftime music thanks to Christina Legner for looking into this matter and Miss Kallman for heading it up. The music/drama department will be doing "shoot for the loot" during halftime for a fundraiser for their program(s). Sports asked H&S for firework stand be a joint fundraiser. Keeping an intensive log of all monies to show H&S exactly where money is spent (concessions, ref fees, league fees, scorekeeper, equipment & uniforms). H&S will be voting on this matter in April.

Grants-Working on a couple of grants.

Finance-Nothing to Report.

Parish Council- Nothing to Report.

Religious Education- Elizabeth Tomaso reported the following:

Religious Education

Jan. Reconciliation/Family Forgiveness

Circle of Grace presented to all RE classes

Disciples of Christ awards (monthly, for each class)

Catechists Workshop: Anne Campbell from RCL/Benzger will present a Catechists Training on Saturday, Jan. 11th. The "Joy of being Catechists". Also gave the Catechists a history of St. Mark's and St. Mary's church.

First Reconciliation- Jan. 24th at 10:30am.

Feb. Lent/Ash Wednesday/Mardi Gras

2nd grade Parent Meeting- Feb. 4

Gloria Deo Bookstore on site-gym Feb.4

VBS Planning- Feb. 5th

RE Mass-Feb. 11

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18-NO RE- Take your Family to Mass day

8th grade Passion- Feb. 25

Adult Faith Formation

Offerings starting Jan., 2015

Acts-The Spread of the Kingdom-facilitator Dn Gary Bash-Jan 29

Walking Towards Eternity-Making Choices for Today. Help you to live your faith more fully.

Facilitator- Dn Chuck L'Archevesque-Jan 28

MOMNIPOTENT- 8 Feminine Strengths to help you find peace, balance and joy in your

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vocation as a mother. To Be Announced

Mary A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother-. Facilitator Dave Garrison Starts Jan. 13th.

That Man Is You- Friday's at 5:30am. -Ted Menzel and Lynn Trimpey-Jan. 23rd

Family Life

Have confirmed the Lenten Mission with Deacons Eddie Ensely and Robert Hermann the week of March 21st, 2015.

Father Dick Sparks-Paulist, has agreed to be our Lenten Mission Leader for 2016.

Letters going out to Ministries to help with receptions after PM Mission.

Safe Environment

January 15th 6:30-8:30pm DC

Youth Ministry- Will Targy reported the following:

Completing an assessment as to where at as a program. Moving toward what it should look like at Parish level, not always plugged into the parish. Looking at Authentic Community (for high school/college graduates) so that have a place that feels like home. Also reaching out to parents. Have big ideal goas, just need to get down to things that do real well and build off of that.

Knights substance abuse posters for 3rd through 8th grade is going on. Free throw contest is next week. Also have the Young Adult outreach kicking off.

School Development – School Development is in need of a new Military Liaison.

Adopt-A-Student Grant - should find out if St. Mary's is given grant in February.

Alumni had Alumni Mass with reception in December. Still looking for class captains for each class year. Looking to have a summer sporting event - maybe in conjunction with August Rush. Also, a service program in the fall - Guest Reader Program.

Recruiting centered around Catholic Schools Week and Pre-K and K Parents Dinner. Sending out invites to Grandparents for Special Friends Mass. Ads for Catholic Schools Week on digital billboards and in Bellevue Leader.

Public Relations is looking to increase "likes" on Facebook. Also discussed St. Mary's being announced as Best Church, Best Pastor and Best Private School in the area.

Planning a Gym Dedication on Friday, March 27th when Charlemagne Ortega (private donor who paid for gym murals) will be in town for the auction.

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President Report- The terms are up for Goetz and Janulewicz. A discussion was held on staying on for additional term. Goetz and Janulewicz both indicated would stay on for additional term. Goetz will discuss with Father Denny before moving forward. Home and School is in charge of judging for a Scholarship Essay. Looking for a volunteer (Janulewicz indicated he would do it).

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:25 p.m.