

# Board of Education Meeting

President Melissa Swiecicki called the meeting to order at 6:35

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

**Also Attending:** Father Del Lape

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017

**Minutes By:** Doug Janulewicz

**Approval of Minutes:** Craig motioned to approve February 2017 meeting minutes, Tim seconded. February 2017 meeting minutes approved.

**Unfinished Business:** The Board of Education email address is [StMarysBOE@stmarysbellevue.com](mailto:StMarysBOE@stmarysbellevue.com). The Board of Education made a \$50 donation to Father's Wallet.

**New Business:**

**School –**

Board of Education Report-Submitted by Trish Wallinger

March

16th School of Faith No School

16th PM - Teacher iPad inservice PM

17th Teacher Retreat Day

20th Report Cards

21st Field Trip 4/5 Fit for Life

24th Stations at church

25th Spring for The Children Benefit Auction

27th Prayer service in gym

Holocaust Speaker @ 1 PM

2:30 Middle School Awards Assembly

31<sup>st</sup> Lay Missionary from the Columbans 2:00 PM

The Lent Committee has provided opportunities for prayer and reflection on Lenten themes. Each grade will lead prayer services, participate in Stations of the Cross, and service projects.

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We are continuing to work on tweaking the network settings and the installed hardware from the Archdiocesan Grant. Teachers have noticed a difference in the speed of the network and being able to get all students connected on the Chromebooks and/or laptops at once.

Students will be invited to become Altar Servers beginning with 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Gabby Bash will be helping to train students during regular religion classes.

Our clubs are filling in with hot lunches when Bellevue Public Schools are not in session and we have no lunch delivery. The sponsoring club can raise funds through the sales of hot lunches.

Registration is open. PK is full and we anticipate having many of our families returning for the 2017-2018 school year. Numbers for each grade will be reported at the next meeting. Right now we have approximately 30 families in the process of registering. Registrations are not final until forms are turned in and the registration fee has been paid in full.

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

**Finance-** Budget is tight but manageable. Registrations are opened up for next year. No change in registration. Tuition rates for next year will be coming out soon. Katie Wilwerding and Mrs. Prewitt will be taking over Project Hope.

**Grants-** No Report.

**Religious Education-** No report; dates provided taken from previous meeting minutes.

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

**Youth Ministry-** Pancake Breakfast (2-28-17): We had another wonderful turnout for our pancake breakfast this month and ended up bringing in about \$2500. Thanks for all who helped and supported.

Right now, we're just continuing with our regular Wednesday night meetings for Junior High and High School. And our Sunday night small groups for High School (YDisciple) are continuing to do well.

Recently added high school event:

- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Habitat for Humanity Build

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## Summer

High School Mission Trip, Montana: June 11-16

Junior High Youth Serve, Omaha: June 25-27 (open to current 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

Steubenville Youth Conference in Springfield, MO: July 14-16 (open to current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

Also, I will be leading one of the Parish Missions on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will start with a potluck dinner at 6:30pm down in the Parish Center followed by presentation in the church starting ~7:30pm. The topic is Evangelization and Discipleship and it will focus a lot on various testimonies and ways to grow deeper in our relationship with God. Please spread the word! Hope to see you there!

On a sadder note, we've decided to not hold our August Rush festival this summer for a few reasons:

1. We make quite a bit more between our 2 pancake breakfasts than we have at August Rush...and it's a fraction of the work.
2. The prep & planning takes up a huge chunk of the summer and with the other trips/conferences, there's not much time to do anything else i.e. host summer youth group bible study and social outings, plan for the upcoming year, follow up with families about vision for youth ministry, etc.
3. Finally, it throws off the "start" of the year for youth ministry since we're typically exhausted after it and we are never able to have a big kickoff to start the year. I think it hurts our outreach and retention.

I'm open to bringing it back in the future but for now we're going to put it on the shelf.

**Athletics-** Basketball tournaments are almost complete.

**School Development-** No meeting this month

**Pastoral Council-** Mainly discussed the ministry fair during last meeting. Also discussed Steven Ministry.

**Home and School-**

## Approaching Meetings:

Monday, March 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m. - School Library

Monday, April 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m. - School Library

## January-Early February Review:

Feb. 14 – Valentine Classroom Parties (Hosted by Room Parents)

Feb. 15 – St. Mary's Food Night at Five Guys (10% of All Sales)

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Feb. 21 – PK Information Night

March 6 – Spirit Day (Hosted Staff Snacks)

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## Approaching Activities:

March 23 – St. Mary's Food Night at Jersey Mike's

March 25 – St. Mary's Benefit Auction (Livestock Exchange Building)

April 3 – Spirit Day

April 27 – St. Mary's Food Night at Panera

HSA officer Elections

HSA Sponsored Scholarships

Mother's Day Plant Sale

**President Report:** Tabled until next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.