

Board of Education Meeting

President Melissa Swiecicki called the meeting to order at 6:45

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

Also Attending: Principal Trish Wallinger and Jennifer Kreps.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Minutes By: Doug Janulewicz

Approval of Minutes: Tim motioned to approve September and October 2016 meeting minutes, Katie seconded. September and October 2016 meeting minutes approved.

Unfinished Business:

Board of Education By-Laws- Tim motioned to approve Board of Education By-Laws, Jim seconded. Board of Education By-Laws approved.

New Business:

School – Thank you for your support of the school mission. We appreciate your service to the St. Marys Community.

1. November Calendar Highlights
 - a. 11/7-School of Faith for Teachers and Staff and First Aid Training
 - b. 11/11-Veterans' Assembly 1:30 pm
 - c. 11/13-Board in charge of Hospitality after masses
 - d. 11/23-25-Thanksgiving break
 - e. 11/30-Progress Reports go home
2. School Survey
 - a. Cathy and I (Trish Wallinger) are compiling and analyzing the data. There will be action items for each of the entities evaluated on the survey. Many responses were very positive. There were some suggestions that we should look at as part of our strategic plan. As the data is analyzed, we will share with the different boards and committees.
3. Community Service
 - a. The Student Activities Council is working on a food drive for the Bellevue Food Pantry. The drive continues through November.
 - b. The Advent Committee is working on projects and service opportunities to offer our students and families. There will be more information in the next few weeks.

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- c. The Year of Mercy ends on November 20, 2016, but will continue our efforts to serve our brothers and sisters in the name of Jesus.
4. New Information
 - a. The Archdiocesan Excellence Grant work continues. Five classrooms are completed and the crew will return on November 23, 2016.
 - b. The Veterans' Assembly is this Friday. We will have the Lt. Governor, the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, and Veterans from WWII, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Retired service men and women and active duty personnel will also attend. Eighth graders will again take the leadership roles for the program.
 - c. Terra Nova 3 results should be arriving in the next couple of weeks. The School Improvement Team will share pertinent data as it becomes available.
 - d. I (Trish Wallinger) attended a workshop at Creighton University on the topic of Charisms and Culture. It was a morning well spent. I hope to share information with the staff at the next faculty meeting. I would also like to present something to the board in a couple of months.

Finance- No report.

Grants- Technology upgrade in progress.

Religious Education- No Report (the following is from previous report and retained for informational purposes)

November-

- 2-All Saints/Souls celebration
- 9-Mass Prep
- 16-RE Mass
- 23-No RE-Thanksgiving break
- 30-RE-Advent

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
- 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

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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

November 20-Mulan

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 2nd 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.

2nd grade First Reconciliation: January 21st, 10:30am

2nd grade First Communion Parents Meeting: 4:45pm or 6:45pm

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

2nd Grade First Communion Practice: April 29th, 9-12noon

2nd grade First Communion: April 30th, 12:30pm or 2:30pm

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

8th grade Confirmation: May 7th, 2pm –Archbishop Curtiss

Safe Environment will be offered again on October 20, 2016. This will be the last for this year and the schedule will resume in January 2017.

Youth Ministry- No Report.

Athletics- Volleyball wrapping up and basketball registrations are steadily coming in. Coaches have been assigned.

School Development-

Alumni:

- Looking for help with alumni board. Going to check to see if have to alumni to help with board.

Recruiting:

- Letter sent out to parents of 1 and 2 year olds. Will include information on ministries to try and help get families “in the door”.

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Military Family Workshop:

- Trish attended workshop on counseling for families without a paper trail.
- Counselors would meet with families anywhere (within reason) with the exception of family home.

Grants:

- Archdiocese technology upgrade-4 classrooms have had upgrades installed.

Adopt-A-Student:

- Shirley Montoya left 1/3 (\$56,000) of her estate to Adopt-A-Student. The remaining 2/3 of estate was left for education endowment.

Bookmarks for Advent will be handed out on December 3 and 4, 2016 and \$244 worth of box tops have been turned in.

Pastoral Council- Looking at the ministries, some active and some inactive. Going to have a ministry fair to increase membership; possibly having two events per year. Terms moved to 3 years.

Home and School- Halloween fun night went well. Veterans' parade on Saturday (November 12). Auction meeting was held on November 7. Still have a few committees that need help. Ticket prices will increase this year. Looking into having "coupons" for early registration.

November 10- Officers meeting

November 14-General meeting

November 17- Food Night at Dairy Twist

President Report- BOE and Pastoral Council Hospitality Coffee is on Sunday, November 13. Melissa discussed having biographies and pictures for the Ministry Fair. It was decided to just have a list of the members for now.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:30.