

Board of Education Meeting

President Melissa Swiecicki called the meeting to order at 6:40

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

Also Attending: Principal Trish Wallinger and Father Del.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Minutes By: Doug Janulewicz

Unfinished Business:

BOE Policies- Craig motioned to approve Board Policies, Tim seconded. Board Policies approved.

New Business:

School –

1. October Field Trips
 - a. Swan Lake at Iowa Western for K-8
 - b. Ditmar's Orchard for PK-4
 - c. Celebrate Creativity for 6,7,8
 - d. 8th Grade Spanish class to Museo Latino
2. Conferences
 - a. October 27th from 11 am to 8 pm
 - b. Survey to be given – hardcopy or on-line
3. New hire- Mrs. Tina Tweedy
4. Living Rosary- October 7th
 - a. Will do other rosary events
 - b. Perhaps add a Divine Mercy Chaplet during Catholic Schools Week
5. Visit from the new Curriculum Specialist from the Catholic Schools Office
 - a. wanted to see the school
 - b. extra resource for teachers and staff
 - c. CSO adding more shared Professional Development
6. Scholastic Book Fair- during conferences
7. All Saint's Day November 1st – All School Mass

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8. Teachers attending Science Workshops - first Saturdays for 5 months
 - a. Physics topics
 - b. Offered by College of Saint Mary- Dr. Hubbard
 - c. Each receives \$250.00 in equipment
 - d. Grades K-5
9. Classroom Management Seminar for Middle School Teachers
 - a. November 4
 - b. Paid through Title II funds- no cost to school but subs
10. Archdiocesan Excellence Grant progress
 - a. 4 classrooms installed
 - b. Next group to be done October 27-28
 - c. Wiring up- grade almost complete
 - d. Finished by end of Christmas Break

Finance- Combining Quick Books between school and parish; otherwise business as usual.

Grants- See School Development Section below.

Religious Education- Elizabeth Tomaso reported the following:

October-

- 7-Disciples of Christ awarded
- 8-8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
- 12-No R.E.
- 15-Catechists Training, Ste. Leo-Joe Parocki workshop-14 Catechists attending
- 19-RE-Fundraiser delivered
- 25-7th grade Rite of Entrance
- 26-RE & 6th grade Vocations Night-St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton

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

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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

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

October 9-“Toy Sotry”; nicely attended-Family and not giving up
November 20-Mulan
December 11-The Muppets Christmas Carol

Sacraments- First Communion/Reconciliation

Committee is forming to develop a First Communion Parent/Chile 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.

Please mark your calendar for these important dates if your student will be receiving Sacraments this year.

7th grade Confirmation Parents Meeting: September 7th, 6:45pm
8th grade Confirmation Parents Meeting: September 14th, 6:45pm
7th Grade Retreat: September 24th, Pro Sanctity
7th grade Rite of Entrance: September 25th, 12:30pm or 5:00pm
First Reconciliation Parents Meeting: September 28th, 4:45pm and 6:45pm
8th grade Retreat: October 8th, Columban Fathers
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

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We had a wonderful 8th grade Confirmation Retreat with St. Mary's, Our Lady of Peace, St. Matthew, and St. Bernadette. NET was the retreat masters. The students were engaged, gave the opportunity to encounter Christ and shared community with all of Bellevue. The parents have reported that their student came home with renewed spirit, prayer and are looking forward to Confirmation. One parent said that out of her three students who have attended the retreats in the past, that this year her son came home excited and could not stop talking about what they experienced on the retreat. She said that he did not want to attend the retreat and was looking for any excuse to not go. She asked that we continue to offer this type of retreat each year.

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- No report.

School Development- Meeting held on 10-4-16.

Alumni:

- Alumni newsletter mailing planned for October 18.

Recruiting:

- St. Mary's to man a booth at El Grito celebration (South Omaha celebration of Mexican Independence Day).
- Baptismal cards (made by 3rd grade art project) are ready for mailing.
- Coffee with the Principal scheduled for 9/15/16 had 12 attendees.
- New glossy marketing book to be created by Life Touch Photography is in the works.

Military Liaison:

- Father Del has met the new chaplain Fr. Samuel Oloyede, but has not had a formal meeting with him yet.

Grants:

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

Friends of St. Mary's:

- A newsletter that will be sent to all donors as a donor relations piece in December and April.

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Adopt-A-Student:

- Fr. Del's AAS Thank You Celebration on 9/20/16 went well (with 2 students speaking) and had 20 attendees.
- 8th Graders will be calling donors on 10/24/16 to thank them.
- Advent Bookmarks will be handed out by student greeters at Masses on December 3 and 4, 2016.

School Website has new BOE page which has meeting minutes posted, but needs current board member names and description.

Pastoral Council-Rewriting by-laws and terms moved to 3 years.

Home and School- Discussion on room parent duties. Halloween fun night is October 28, 2016. BOE will participate; Craig looking into it.

September Food Night at B & B's raised \$70.00

October 13, food night at Culvers.

Fireworks funds raised will go for cement work at school and parish.

Spirit wear sold approximately \$1,600.

President Report- Board welcomed Robert Rodriguez as a candidate for Tony Huerta's position. Craig moved to have Robert join the BOE and Jim seconded; motion approved.

Mark calendars for BOE and Pastoral Council Hospitality Coffee on November 13, 2016. We will need volunteers at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11 am masses. Please sign up on volunteer sheet.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was then adjourned.