

Board of Education Meeting

President Tim Sasek called the meeting to order at 6:30

Board Member Participants: Melissa Swiecicki, Kati Wilwerding, Jim Goetz, Jeremy Achterhoff, and Tim Sasek.

Also Attending: Principal Trish Wallinger and Father Del Lape

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Minutes By: Jeremy Achterhoff/Doug Janulewicz

Approval of Minutes: No minutes to approve.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

School –

- I. Enrollment numbers
 - a. 202 students in PK-8
 - b. 129 families
 - c.
- II. School Calendar attached as a reminder
- III. STAR Testing has begun
 - a. 2 week window
 - b. Reading and Math individual benchmarking assessment
- IV. School of Faith Days
 - a. St. Mary's is on our own
 - b. Days are posted on the calendar
 - c. September 18th is next School of Faith
- V. Saturday School
 - a. First one last Saturday
 - b. We will track numbers to see if effective

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- VI. School Development
- a. Undergoing a slight restructuring
 - b. Ortigas have stepped back
 - c. Looking for new members
 - d. Meeting first week of October

Finance- Budget Approved, \$736 budget surplus last year.

Grants- St. Mary's is getting Ignite the Faith money, amount not disclosed.
-Intentions is to use for bathroom remodels- likely gym bathrooms.

Religious Education- No report

Youth Ministry- Summer highlights:

- Took 6 high school girls to Montana for a week long mission trip in June.
- Took 17 teens and 7 adults to the Steubenville Youth Conference in Springfield, MO.
- Had 2 junior high boys attend the local Youth Serve camp.

No August Rush this year: In case anybody was wondering, we decided to take a break from August Rush this year. The biggest reasons were that we weren't making enough financially to justify the work put in. And we just didn't have the best structures in place for adequate planning and execution of the event. On a personal note, summer has been way less stressful without it ;)

Attached to my email is our Fall schedules for high school and junior high. We have a big retreat weekend coming up for 8th grade & high school on Sept. 30th/Oct. 1st. And we have our parish-wide Encounter Night on Oct. 15th.

Athletics-Volleyball season started.

School Development- Ortega's stepping back, looking for people to take the lead. Unable to hire as a position due to financial constraints. Looking for additional volunteer members. Next meeting is 10/10 at 4:30. School Development is following Nebraska LB295, allowing tax credits for Catholic Schools.

Pastoral Council- Did not meet. Parish picnic will be at the Columban Fathers this year.

Home and School- Budget discussions at 9/11 meeting. Discussions at meeting regarding Fireworks stand, ice cream social, Parish Picnic, and Trivia Night.

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President Report: Hospitality Sunday is Dec 10th. Melissa volunteered to represent BOE after 9:30 and 11:00 masses.

How can school board be more visible? Discussion to post meeting times on Sycamore, and Father suggested School Board training for board members.

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