

St. John School

Parish of Independence

Mission: To promote life-long learning and faith formation in the Catholic Christian tradition.

School Board Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 6:00 pm – Library

Members: Father Beckman - Pastor, Karla Kleve -President, Trixie Reed -V.P., Maggie McGarvey - Secretary, Joe Junk, Brad Kegler, Amy Holle and Marnie Barnett

6:04 Routine Business

- A. Call to order/Karla
- B. Opening prayer/Faith Sharing - Jim
- C. Roll call/ Excused/unexcused – Father Dave excused
- D. Approval of Agenda – Amy motioned to approve the agenda. Trixie seconded. (motion passed).
- E. Approval of minutes – Marnie motioned to approve the minutes. Amy seconded. (motion passed).
- F. Budget – Trixie motioned to approve the budget. Brad seconded. (motion passed).

6:10 Guests – no guests.

6:10 Board In-service

- A. Diocesan policy review **3000 - 3280 (Trixie)** – Business Practices: School board is in charge of the budget. Tuition- move towards supporting 35%, non catholic expected to pay higher tuition, Gifts must be supportive of mission, consistent, appropriate, no financial burden, comply with tax rules, no conflict of interest, must have a response to donor in writing.

6:19 Old Business

- A. Commercial
 - a. 1/16 – 1/29 commercial will air.
- B. 2017/18 Budget
 - a. progress – have met and will meet again 2/2.

6:30 New Business

- A. Preschool Registration – 4 yr old—16 students in am class, 5 in pm class; 3 yr old—12 students MWF and 4 students for Tues/Thursday class so far.
- B. MARCO – rep to look at contract that is through 2019
 - a. ACCESS - \$0.12/copy extra color.
- C. School Choice Webinar – ESA’s have been discussed in the legislature for the past 10 years, this is the first time in 20 years that the pro-school-choice Republicans have had the majority in both chambers, including the governor. ESA will be available to any family not enrolled in a public school. Average cost per student is \$6000. Over \$5 billion is budgeted for education each year in Iowa. ESA would require 3-4% of that. STO cap hasn’t increased since 2013, \$12 million. STO would continue with ESA.
- D. Archbishop Jackels visit – Monday, January 30th
- E. National Catholic Standards – The following standards address Catholic identity and culture as vital to the mission of Catholic schools in the US. **Standard 1 of 11:** An excellent Catholic school is guided and driven by a clearly communicated mission that embraces a Catholic Identity rooted in Gospel values, centered on the Eucharist, and committed to faith formation, academic excellence, and service. **Standard 2 of 11:** An excellent Catholic school adhering to mission provides a rigorous academic program for religious studies and catechesis in the Catholic faith, set within a total academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture, and life.
- F. Kucera Grant monies – Currently serving 15 students of color or those with family hardship. \$10k/year to help with tuition and free or reduced lunch.
- G. Fall Bazaar total - \$12k this year, \$7,900 last year.

7:30 Reports-

- A. Principal’s Report – Smarter Balance on hold
 - a. Catholic Schools Week – 10 reasons for a Catholic Education....article to be in the paper.
- B. Parish Council – Trixie no December meeting.
- C. Finance – Karla – Committee for redecoration/infrastructure. Forming that committee.
- D. PTO – Amy – Bazaar \$12k profit, CSW shirts, CSW Jan. 29 – Feb 3rd. PTO has graciously given \$1000 for each class to have a field trip during Catholic Schools Week. Spring Fling 3/25 5:30, raffle will be \$2k voucher for a trip of your choice.

- E. Building and Grounds – Brad – Basement floor has been started... expected to be done end of January.
- F. SCRIP- Maggie – nothing to report

7:27 Adjourn - Trixie made a motion to adjourn meeting. Maggie seconded. (motion passed).

Next meeting: February 13, 2017 6:00 Library
Policy In-service assignment (Maggie 3400 - 3420)