

St. John School Parish of Independence

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

School Board Minutes

Thursday, November 2, 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

Excused Absent Members: Karla Kleve, Joe Junk

6:02 Routine Business

- A. Call to order - Trixie
- B. Opening prayer/Faith Sharing - Father Dave
- C. Roll call/ Excused/unexcused – Excused Karla Kleve and Joe Junk.
- D. Approval of Agenda – Maggie made a motion to approve agenda. Marnie seconded. (motion passed).
- E. Approval of minutes – Brad made a motion to approve minutes. Marnie seconded. (motion passed).
- F. Budget – Marnie made a motion to approve budget. Brad seconded. (motion passed).

6:06 Guests - Chidi Ojinaka – Chidi and his wife are parishoners at St. John. Chidi is a Child Psychiatrist for Covenant Clinic in Oelwein. He has offered to donate his services to St. John in group setting sessions. Allowing parents to pick topics. He is trained in Parent-child interaction therapy. Jim will look into getting this info out to see if we have interest.

6:25 Board In-service

- A. Diocesan policy review (**4119.2 – 4119.6 Maggie**) – tabled to next meeting.

6:35 Old Business

- A. Vans – Mike’s Automotive has performed extensive tune ups to vans. Including spark plugs, struts, shocks, oil/oil filters, brake rotors, and air filters.
- B. Ball Diamond – Jim is going to talk with Scott Kleve to see if and where additional fence sections would be beneficial.
- C. Dress Code update/powerpoint – SIAC survey to be put out after January PTO meeting. Dress Code: Why and What? To be presented to PTO in January.

7:01 New Business

- A. Needs assessment – Parent/Guardian survey to be compiled by archdioceses. Please complete!
- B. New Associate – several applications received, interviews next week.
- C. Lunch Audit – Overall good audit, few updates/changes needed.
- D. Lighting – LED would save 50% on electric bill, 500 bulbs in building, initial cost for bulbs 25 bulbs \$200, checking on rebates available.
- E. 18-19 budget prep date(s) – looking into meeting for prep of budget, Jim will coordinate meeting.
- F. Location of December meeting – Chuong Garden 12/7 6:00.

7: 15 Reports-

- A. Principal’s Report -
 - a. Pennies for Patients raised \$965. Silver Coins Goal is \$500. Jim to be on top of building greeting students in elf costume if goal met.
 - b. School Theatre – Cinderella this year 5th-8th graders.
 - c. Bullying speaker (Jeff Veley) – Excellent speaker that middle school students heard at Don Bosco. Looking at getting him to St. Johns for grades 3-5 and parents. Maybe for Catholic Schools Week?
 - d. Iowa Testing has started this week.
 - e. Advent Theme: “Guide us to thy perfect light”.
 - f. Interviews to begin next week for new Associate to replace Monica House.
- B. Parish Council – Trixie – Redecoration meeting 10/18 – looking at options/priorities. Fall Festival raised \$20k, Christmas mass schedules out. Lent Speaker – Saturday? Joy of Forgiving.
- C. Finance – Karla – nothing to report.
- D. PTO – Amy – PTO Meeting next week.
- E. Building and Grounds – Brad – Bench/fence discussion for softball field. Still looking at wall and getting estimates.

- F. SCRIP- Maggie – YTD Sales down \$6k. Gross Profit down \$300. Cassie has asked that we think of local businesses who give employees Christmas gifts/cash to consider using scrip. Anyone available to talk to local businesses would be great.

7:32 Adjourn - Amy made a motion to adjourn meeting. Brad seconded. (motion passed).

Next meeting: December 7, 2017 6:00 at Chuong Garden
Policy In-service assignment (4119.2 – 4119.6 Maggie)