
St. John School

Mission: Opening hearts to Christ, minds to learning, and service to others

School Board Minutes

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2019 6:00 pm – Library

Members: Father Beckman - Pastor, Trixie Reed -President, Brad Kegler -V.P., Maggie McGarvey - Secretary, Ameer Freidhof, Marnie Barnett, Suzanne Gorman and Matt Frye

6:00 Routine Business

- A. Call to order/Trixie
- B. Opening prayer/Faith Sharing-Father David
- C. Roll call/ Excused/unexcused (Maggie excused)
- D. Approval of Agenda- Motion: Matt and 2nd by Suzanne
- E. Approval of minutes- Motion: Matt and 2nd by Marnie
- F. Budget – Motion: Ameer and 2nd by Suzanne

6:30 Guests – no guests

6:30 Board In-service: None

6:45 Old Business

- A. SHS communication plan
 - a. Letters went out 1/30
 - b. At SHS Feb. 13 @ 6pm
 - c. At SJS Mar. 19, shadowing (for Sacred Heart families to come to school for ½ or full day to experience a day at St. John School)
-May possibly offer ½ price or free Spring Fling tickets to potential Sacred Heart families. Will ask PTO for donation or possibly school board if necessary.
- B. Vision Statement
 - a. St. John School will have the most comprehensive computer science program in all of Buchanan county.

7:00 New Business

- A. Flag Pole
 - Was rusted internally and fell down w/gust of wind last weekend. Was originally a gift from Merfeld family in memory of Dick Merfeld. Shirley Merfeld has agreed to replace flag pole w/new aluminum pole that will not rust (quote from Signs and More for \$4,525.00). PTO also offered to pay \$2,000.00 to help cover cost. Motion for approval from Marnie and 2nd by Matt.
- B. Community Foundation Grant suggestions
 - New 6 ft. playground fence (it is used by many community members and not just SJS)
- C. 3-year-old preschool schedule
 - Linda Hosch wants to mirror 4-year old preschool schedule (Tuesday-Friday) and am only. Board decided against any changes at this time.
- D. Raise for Jane and coaches/AD?
 - Jane raise last discussed August 2019. Raise from \$10.62 to \$12.00 / hr was approved, effective immediately. Motion: Suzanne and 2nd by Marnie
 - Trixie raised question of raise for coaches/AD as well. Raise from \$680 to \$750 for each sport beginning in 2020-2021 school year was approved by the Board. Motion: Ameer and 2nd by Matt.
- E. Computer Science
 - Starting 2021, the governor is mandating all middle schools / high schools have a semester of computer science

-We will start offering for K-8 next year

F. Spring Fling Donation

-Scrip bouquet at \$20 / board member (payments go to Trixie and she will create)

G. Teacher Base Salary

a. SJS 30,5000

b. Indee 37,780

-Indee public school is significantly higher than surrounding communities, including Waterloo

-SJS is competitive w/surrounding Catholic schools

H. Extended Care

-PTO discussed possible program after May 19 (last day of school for SJS) to help families in need of care. Would be for K-8 students (no 3-year olds due to DHS requirements) and run from May 19-28 or 29th. Jim will talk w/hourly staff and see who is interested in helping. Older students may be able to help as well. Will do survey to gauge interest. The Board approved further discussion on this at future meetings.

I. Motto

-Possibly displayed on a vinyl sign at main entrance outside building and on west wall as you enter school

7:45 Reports

A. Principal's Report –

a. Beth Hilliard is pregnant, due middle of August (long term sub needed, hopefully Mrs. Reinkoester, and would be paid by the state grant)

b. Strategic planning committee – SWOT analysis coming up – 50 question survey tailored for each school

-Progress meeting on March 4 w/Alice for Archdiocese

c. Last day of school currently Tuesday, May 19.

Honor breakfast 2/10

Preschool registration 2/12

Kindergarten round-up 3/2

Living Stations of the Cross 4/6 at 1 pm and 6:30 pm

Grandparents Day 4/30 (Thursday)

Field Day 5/15 (Friday)

August 11, 2020 – 8:30 am – 3 pm PD on inclusion

d. Church bulletin board – up and will be updated soon

e. Snow removal – Mark Merfeld has done this for free for many years. Will discuss Scrip gift at next meeting as way to say thank you.

f. Sheriff Wolfgram – will be recognized at some point in the coming year (D.A.R.E.) as he retires in October 2020

g. Student body picture – February 25th at the church

h. Lent Plan – goal is to raise \$1,500 for penny drive

B. Parish Council – Marnie --- Fall Festival raised \$12,000 which is down (no meal this year). May consider changing up meal options next year

C. Finance – Trixie – church redecoration is currently under budget. Ambassadors will have a ribbon cutting in April at Children's Mass. School budget was approved by Finance Committee.

D. PTO – Jim – received \$3,500 for technology from Foresters

E. Building and Grounds – Brad – Playground wall could possibly be built w/preformed concrete block at around \$7,500 for the entire wall (not including demo, sidewalk, drainage, and steps – hoping for in-kind from parishioners)

-Scott Kleve is now chair and Taylor Simmons is Vice Chair after resignation of Craig Bussan.

F. SCRIP- Maggie --- Total Sales Gross Profit for January 2020 \$1,654.76 is down from \$1748.95 in January 2019. YTD Sales Gross Profit 7/1/19-1/31/20 \$15,544.43 is down from \$15,732.94 7/1/18-1/31/19.

8:00 Adjourn – Motion: Ameer and 2nd by Matt

Next meeting: March 5, 2020 @ 6:00

- Arch Policies review: Done

Submitted by Brad Kegler, Feb. 8, 2020