

All Saints School Board Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2017

Members Present: Jesse Duman, Denise Hammrich, Matthew Johnston, Michele Beehler, Brennan McKelway, Andrea Jolliff, Audrey Krahn, Karin Seubert, Michelle O'Conner, Monte Schmidt, Robert Clifford, Julie DeBarbrie

Members Absent: None

Visitors: None

The meeting was opened by Matthew Johnston at 6:03 PM. Opening Prayer was led by Jesse.

Acceptance of Minutes from November

Minor spelling corrections to the previous board minutes

Matt moved to accept with corrections and the motion passed with all in favor.

Committee Reports

Enrollment and Retention

The committee has not met. We are actively working on our meeting schedule, more to come.

Finance Committee

Please see the budget discussion in new business.

School Building

Met last week. It was a smaller meeting, but we are in a holding pattern right now. We will have a meeting the first week of March. We have a number of requests out, so prayers are appreciated. Currently we have 3.2 Million of hard pledges, 300K in the bank, 3.8 million in asks out (2 million of that is with the hospital). We are actively moving towards a defined number for square footage with the architect. We will be submitting our next plan to the diocese in March for feedback. We will have meetings with the architect in March, after the results from the bond come back.

From a staffing perspective if we expand to 7th and 8th, do we know what our needs would be. There are no major concerns or roadblocks that we anticipate from a staffing or curriculum perspective that we would not be able to address.

Annual Fund

The annual fund is the same as last month.

Scrip/Gift Cards

Michele, Michelle and Jean met last week to determine some additional avenues to grow the scrip program. Michelle and Jean had a call with Great Lakes to discuss some additional avenues for using and buying scrip.

Online purchase options, reload options, e-cards. Michele and Michelle will be guinea pigs to test the potential new features. Then possibly the board could try the next month and then roll it out in the fall with the new school year.

We also discussed an active marketing campaign for each month in the newsletter and attached to the Scrip.

We also discussed increasing the required amount of Scrip for the 2017/2018 school plan year from \$1000 to \$1500, and potentially increasing over time to meet the \$100 threshold.

Many ideas on ACH debit, and how to promote to parents.

Guardian Angels

The group met last week, it was a small group of 4. There was a lot of discussion again about moving the Family Fun Night to February for Mardi Gras night. Denise also mentioned that the parish is looking at a dinner for Mardi Gras and would love to have us there for the carnival during the dinner.

Lots of discussion about what we are going to do with the school play. The possibility of moving the play to the gym. It's convenient, and temporary until we move to the new school.

Discussing The Fun run again, and Holy Family has requested for us join them for the aquatic center.

Foundation Board

The committee has not met. No report at present. We plan to meet again in March after accreditation.

Fundraising

Strive to Drive is only Fundraiser right now. We picked up a new dealership Motojet. Tomorrow we will call Missoula, MT for Carl Tyler Chevy to see if we can pick them up too. Things are looking good. The Arnone's are donating the \$500 fuel cards again. We should be good for the Home and Garden show again in March, and should be printing tickets soon.

Principal's Report

Jazz in Schools, on February 21 we have Kate Skinner visiting at 2:15 to educate about jazz, and then on February 23 the choir will be signing at the Lionel Hampton School Festival. .

March 1 is Ash Wednesday, we will have mass at 9:30 and 5th grade will be hosting. Friday March 3 we will not have mass but will hold a Lenten retreat with the children.

Accreditation: We had our pre-meeting and it was recommended that we had an in-depth self study, which we had been told we would not need. Thankfully we do that internally as part of our internal preparation.

We have to have one goal that comes from our in-depth self-study, so we had to change our goals slightly. That goal was chosen to come from Math, specifically to meet the projected growth set by the Northwest Educational Association. We will look at Kahn Academy and Front Row Ed tools to use to help meet our goals.

The visiting team will come on March 8-10. They would like to meet with parents on March 8, we would like the school board members that can attend to come at 6:00 on that night in the library. They will ask some very specific questions and want to know how you were involved in the self study. Denise will send the electronic copy of the self study again. The questions they will ask can be found online, and Denise will send them out to. They will also meet with the student counsel while they are here. Bob Sobotta will also attend standing in for our superintendent who is unable to attend that day.

March 14, 2017 will be our teddy bear tea for our incoming Kindergarteners. It will be at 6:00pm. We will likely be changing the date as that is the night of the school bond.

Cupcake social is in April for pre-schoolers. We are graduating 19 pre-schoolers this year (and we have heard for sure from 4 that they are not attending)

Old Business

Board Retreat; Michele will send a note via e-mail of potential dates to vote on.

Marketing Strategy: Michelle at Northwest Media reached out to Denise for some information and will have some more information in March.

New Business

Budget 2017/2018

Budget Discussion. Julie handed out the 2017/2018 proposed budget. We lowered the annual appeal, lowered memorial donation.

Looking at a 1% increase for the next year which is very exciting. We have added 7 children this year. Raised Misc fees slightly by \$29. Dropped the Scrip income significantly, which is just more realistic, it has been at \$23K and we reach about \$15-\$16k each year. New student Information system, changes to salaries in line with district changes, and bus insurance raised due to the addition of the new bus.

Julie will e-mail the finance committee the packet and we will need to vote on approval for next month.

Revise Bylaws and Handbook: Nothing significant to address at this time

GEM Account Legislation is going to be introduced to committee in the near future and the goal is to generate positive feedback around this legislation. When that happens Matt will likely push out more information via e-mail.

Next Meeting is March 15, 2017

Closing Prayer was led by Julie.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.