

School Board

Meeting Date: April 4, 2011

Time 6:30 P.M.

Present: Canonical Administrator Father Pat Jakel, Principal Jack Holmes, Steve Kassing, Kathy Coddington, Cindy Moad, Michele Sheahan, John Munie, William "Skip" Larkin, Kristi Harkins, Tom Keinstra, Tom Chouinard, Joyce Ray

Others: Father Stephen Sotiroff

Absent: Elise Stewart

Call To Order: Steve Kassing at 6:30 P.M.

Opening Prayer: Steve Kassing

May Prayer Assignment: Kristi Harkins

Changes to March minutes: minor changes were made

Minutes approved:

1st by Skip Larkin

2nd by Joyce Ray

Correspondence: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Terre Nova Testing- Mr. Holmes shared a comparison of the Terre Nova scores for the current 7th grade class and their scores from 3rd and 5th grade.
- Mr. Holmes shared the ACRE test scores for 5th and 8th grade.
- A discussion was held regarding Father McGivney High School sharing space with Saint John Neumann. It was discussed that if we were to share space we would need to offer some general parameters.
 - Saint John Neumann would control the building and grounds
 - A time period of 4 years will be given for their stay with re-evaluation at the end of the 3 year period
 - Recommendation to start with a freshman class only
 - A monthly monetary contribution vs. an investment in improvements

There was a consensus of the board to give a conditional recommendation to the member pastors.

Nominations have been postponed until the next meeting.

Committee Reports and Proposals:

Canonical Administrator:

- A discussion was held regarding Spring Fling Mass. It was decided that families had plenty of opportunities to attend Mass in their local or neighboring parishes.

Principal Report:

- This Friday we will have two Principals for a Day: Taylor Stewart and Claire Rendleman.
- Also this Friday, Rotary Trivia Night and Auction will be held in the gym.
- April 21st – Mr. Holmes will be at a Leadership Conference in Riverton.
- Easter Break dismissal will be at 11:15 on Thursday, April 21st. Students will return on Tuesday, April 26th.
- 194 students are enrolled K-8 for the 2011-2012.
- May 24th will be the last day of school.
- Trivia Night brought in \$927.00.

Teacher Representative: Mrs. Moad

- March 27th - 2nd Open House for Preschool and Kindergarten was held. Preschool has 22 – 4 year olds enrolled for next fall and 8 – 3 year olds. Kindergarten has 18 students enrolled and 3 which we are waiting on final paperwork.
- April 6th - School Patrol will be attending the Cardinal Baseball game.
- April 7th – Mr. John Lynn will visit the 7th graders and teach a lesson on Plants and Animals of Illinois.
- April 11th – Student Council will take a trip to the Federal Building.
- April 11th – The class of 2012 will host a Dine and Donate fundraiser at Pizza Man in Troy for their trip to Chicago next May.
- April 15th - Saint John Neumann is hosting their Talent Show at 1:00 P.M. for students and 6:00 P.M. for families.
- April 20th – The Stations of the Cross.
- April 27th and 28th - Camp Ondesonk field trip.

Committees:**Finance:**

- Steve shared the finance report.

Policy:

- Joyce shared that the Finance committee voted to use the FACTS system for tuition assistance applications. The online version is free to the school.

Building and Grounds:

- Tom Keinstra shared that John Munie gave a proposal on how to beautify the front of the building.
- Following the strategic planning meeting a budget and timeline will be put into place to keep up with the school's needs.

Development:

- Tom Chouinard reported the committee has been working on Annual Fund mailing and will be working on it again on Thursday. The mailing should be out in the next week. Next year they will need to get envelopes that have return service requested to avoid the bulk mailing issue.
- Looking at a way to integrate the annual fund, baptisms and alumni. Servant Keeper is available for free to us and is what all three parishes use.

Public Relations:

- Michele shared that the Open House was held on March 27th. It was attended by 5 families, all of whom were very interested. One family returned to enroll their child that day. Follow up calls will be made to the families in the next few weeks.

Planning/ Survey:

- Kristi shared that on March 22nd the long range planning meeting was held and well attended. They worked from 5:00 P.M. – 9:15 P.M. The groups came up with goals. Objectives will be set to obtain the goals.

Grant Writing: none

Technology Liaison:

- Steve reported that the Trivia night raised \$924.00.

Faith Formation:

- Skip shared a copy of the recommendation to make changes to Policy 5002 “Sacramental Preparation”. It is also recommended to put the policy on Sacramental Preparation in the handbook.
- He also shared data he collected on High School Youth Ministers. He reported Mother of Perpetual Help had 20 active students 1 from Saint John Neumann, St. Cecilia’s had 20- 25 active students 2 from Saint John Neumann, St. Jerome’s has 20 or so active students 5 from Saint John Neumann

Future Business: none

Closing Prayer – Father Sotiroff

Meeting ended at 9:30

Next Meeting: – May 2, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.