

School Board

Meeting Date: February 7, 2011

Time 6:30 P.M.

Present: Principal Jack Holmes, Steve Kassing, Kathy Coddington, Cindy Moad, Michele Sheahan, William "Skip" Larkin, Kristi Harkins, Tom Kienstra, Tom Chouinard, Elise Stewart, John Munie, Joyce Ray

Others: Sue Stalhut, Kathy Parker

Absent: Canonical Administrator Father Pat Jakel , Blake Harris, Angela Janini

Call To Order: Steve Kassing

Opening Prayer: Kathy Coddington

March Prayer Assignment: Elise Stewart

Changes to February minutes: minor changes made

Minutes approved:

1st by Kathy Coddington

2nd by Elise Stewart

Correspondence: none

Old Business: After a brief discussion regarding volunteer hours, there was consensus to have Mr. Holmes follow-up with the 13 families who did not fulfill the volunteer hours to offer the opportunity to do so. In addition the newsletter will be used to inform all Saint John Neumann families so all school families are aware of the circumstances and the requirement for the next calendar year.

New Business: none

Committee Reports and Proposals:

Canonical Administrator: none

Principal Report:

- Registration is rescheduled for this Wednesday and Thursday.
- February 17th – Mass with Father Kerber followed by the “Serra Club” vocations presentation with one or two sisters and two priests. This will involve one hour with 5th and 6th grades and one hour with 7th and 8th grades. The priests will be Father Kerber and Father Ed Stanger.
- February 18th - 11:15 dismissal for faculty professional development. The faculty will be at Little Flower in St. Louis.
- February 21st - No school (President’s Day)
- March 3rd - Pharmacy students will make presentations to grades 2-7 on March 3
- Mr. Holmes shared an idea that Student Council brought to him. They would like to purchase new playground equipment. Mr. Holmes will get back to the group and discuss some options.
- 13 families attended Open House.
- Mr. Holmes shared the Illinois State Scholars at local High Schools that are graduates of Saint John Neumann: Caroline Hemann and Nicole Hodapp at Collinsville High School. Stephen Billiter and Kyle

Warnecke at Edwardsville High School. Katie Miller at Metro East Lutheran High. Jennifer Becker, Elizabeth Capelle, Alex Ehrhardt, Jerica Patek, Brianna Schmitt, Amanda Empson and Rachel Tejada at Triad High.

- Mr. Holmes had Mrs. Sue Stalhut present the TerraNova scores.

Teacher Representative: Mrs. Moad reported –

- February 14th the 1st grade Mission project will allow students to wear red or pink if they contribute \$1.00 to the missions.
- Secret pals between the faculty began on Catholic Schools week and will conclude on Valentine's Day
- Speech Meet at St. Mary's on March 5th. Participants include: Caitlyn Thompson, Lauren Zamarione, Tyler Hinterser, Danny Ratulowski, Sydney Hurford, Niko Karidis. Alternates: Valerie Weeks, Simmy Rasp, Emily Baima and Emily Miller.
- The school participated in "Valentines for Veterans."
- Due to snow days, Catholic Schools Week activities continue this week.
- Faculty appreciation Mystery Dinner was held at the Bloom House.

Committees:

Finance:

- Steve shared an updated financial statement.

Policy:

- Joyce contacted Facts Grant and Assessment Service regarding grant and aid assistance. Fee will be assessed based on services used, parents will pay a fee to submit application. Facts will provide training to review report. She also shared a few organizations in our area that have used this company. The information will be shared with the Finance Committee.

Building and Grounds:

- No report, committee meeting is being scheduled.

Development:

- Steve reported for Angela – they are getting items together for March 14th mailing of Annual Fund.
- Spring Fling meeting will be this Wednesday at 6:30 P. M.

Public Relations: Michele reported:

- Open house went well; 6 preschool families and 7 kindergarten families attended. The committee will follow-up with the families in a couple of weeks with a phone call to answer any additional questions.
- The committee is working on getting preschool and kindergarten handbooks on the website.
- Another Open House will be scheduled in March.
- PR file is being updated and recommends all data held in a central location at the school.

Planning/ Survey:

- Kristi shared an update on the progress of the long range plan. The planning meeting is set for March 22nd at 5:00 P.M.

Grant Writing:

- Kathy reported that the Camp Ondessonk grant has been submitted with the help of John Ross.

Technology Liaison:

- Steve stated that the committee is working on different issues within the school.

Faith Formation:

- Skip presented statement for “Sacramental Preparation” with a request it be included in the SJN Student-Parent Handbook; all school board members will review the statement and be prepared to discuss next month.

Future Business: none

Closing Prayer – Kathy Coddington at 8:40 P. M.

Next Meeting: – March 8, 2011 at 6:30 P. M.