

Holy Trinity Catholic School
School Board Minutes
August 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order by School Board President Shawn Hennon, followed by a reading of the Mission Statement and an opening prayer.

Members Present: Sara Balsitis, Mallory Bundt, Kristy Frawley, Julie Gilliland, Shawn Hennon, Waide Miller, I.J. Siekmann, Mia Wallace

Ex-Officio Members: Renee Sherfy

Guests: Bob Wojcik, Allie Whited, Leslie Robertson, Ryan Ulrich

Teacher update:

- Mrs. Whited, our new Kindergarten teacher, gave an overview of her background and the preparation of her classroom along with Joan Kauling for the new school year.

NEW BUSINESS

- Guests Leslie and Ryan both said they had no issues to discuss, they were simply there to stay informed.
- Budget and Finance Report: Bob Wojcik reviewed the latest finance report including the finalized budget for the coming year.
- No Pastor report since Fr. Jim was not present

OLD BUSINESS

- Advancement still has technology-restricted funds available. A motion for the purchase of two new Promethean Boards was passed for use of these funds. One will go into an upper grade class, one into a lower grade class.

Committee Reports

- Advancement:
 - Mentors for new families is a new idea for Advancement
 - Spirit Wear sales going well, we are interested to see if we can grow the revenue from this by using the new vendor. New this year: HT socks! A new order will be available soon, due back 8/24.
 - Check-in Day will have an Advancement table with Schnucks Rewards and Scrip information.
 - The current year enrollment decrease was discussed, along with how that pertains to retention and the future of HT school.
 - Parent Info Night is coming soon.
 - The Annual Fund Launch date will be changed, Renee is currently looking at late September.
- Faith Formation:
 - Mallory is doing research and coming up with ideas to present and will investigate how profoundly parents want to incorporate Catholic Faith in the

classrooms. We discussed things that parents remember from their years in Catholic Schools and how we might bring some of that tradition back to HT.

- Altar servers are lacking. Mrs. Britton used to head up training, now we do not have anyone in charge. What can we do to change that to increase interest in school kids?
- Principal's Report:
 - Mrs. Frawley discussed the Principal trainings she has been attending. She brought back information on School Board makeup. The Board should be focusing on 4 areas: Development, Budget, Marketing and Facilities. She suggested that moving forward we would put an emphasis on our funding issues. We need to be strategic about where we focus the School Board energy, and we will start to work toward this model.
 - There is a teacher shortage in St. Clair County and we may fall victim to “teacher thievery” if we cannot compete with public school salary scales.
 - We need to incorporate our faith community within the classrooms. All teachers attended a retreat on Aug. 8th.
 - Teachers attended the final Google Classroom training, which was a success.
 - Teachers and staff will all participate in a safety training presented by the Fairview Heights Police Department.
 - Child Protection Training classes will be held at HT so that all faculty, staff and parents can attend.

A motion to adjourn at 8:30 was passed. We all prayed the Hail Mary as a closing prayer.

**Next Meeting:
September 4th at 6:30pm**