

Holy Trinity Catholic School
School Board Minutes
March 5, 2019

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

Members Present: Sara Balsitis, Mallory Bundt, Kristy Frawley, Julie Gilliland, Shawn Hennon, Fr. Jim Nall, IJ Siekmann, Mia Wallace

Ex-Officio Members: Frank Kurtz, Renee Sherfy

Guest: Ms. Desi Roberts

Teacher update:

- Ms. Desi gave us an example of her schedule for ECP
- She has instituted a 5-stamp club incentive program that gives kids the opportunity to use their stamps to collect candy and movie days
- She is working on the Drama Club backdrops as well and has a large amount finished for the production of Giants in the Sky for the April 4th performance.
- Afternoon ECP averages 20-30 children and morning averages around 20.

New Business:

Budget Report:

- Kristy reviewed the current budget numbers and we discussed issues regarding that statement.
- The possibility of using a system like Venmo for school payments was brought up and will be looked into.

Pastors Report:

- Fr. Jim discussed the new TV's in the Parish Center which will increase use in the Center. There is a This Man is You program coming up for a March Madness basketball/pizza night. The OWLS social group will also be holding an event in early April after Saturday Mass for social time. The Parish is also trying to get a 20-something group together as well.
- First Lenten Fish Fry this weekend!

Calendar:

- The last day of school is currently May 29th because of snow days. Given that the Kindergarten and PreK classes were scheduled to be released on the 17th, we are going to move K and PreK recognition to the same day on Friday 5/24.
- The original date of the 8th grade graduation of 5/16 will remain the same. In the future this date will likely be closer to the end of school for the rest of the classes.
- New School Board Elections will be coming up in early May. Julie will get ballots together and begin advertising for those positions that will be opening.

Old Business:

- Teacher/Staff tuition discounts will be discussed at the August Meeting

Committee Reports:

- *AA & Parents and Friends*
 - Meet on 3/12/19. P&F are still trying to write up bylaws.
 - There was a request for the purchase of yoga mats for the school from P/F.
 - AA hosted the Diocesan Basketball Tournament this year and it went really well and they made more than expected. They will be advertising for Board Member interest soon.
- *Advancement*
 - Annual Fund is currently at \$18,000 and we are waiting on a check from Boeing for an additional \$4,000.
 - Benefit:
 - New App that allows you to buy gift cards for exact amounts and links to your credit card or checking account
 - They were bought out, so we will launch this as soon as Renee has all the information on any changes that will occur.
 - Grandfriends mailings will go out this weekend
 - Enrollment deadline for returning families is next week
 - Website updates are completed, please let Renee know if you find anything else that needs to be updated or needs attention
- *Facilities*
 - Solar Panels are on hold as we wait to find out if our bid wins the application process.
- *Faith Formation*
 - Ben and Mallory met to discuss how to implement some fun new things at the school. They would like to roll out a student ambassador program which would pick students from each grade to promote Faith in the classroom. This would not be based on academics and could rotate quarterly to give more students the opportunity to be involved.
- *Principal's Report*
 - Quarterly tuition payments will be due on an earlier timeline next school year so as not to have the last payment due as school is letting out for summer.
 - Auction Ads and Wrangling program was discussed. Good ideas that seem really fun and should generate more Ad revenue than last year.
 - New staffing roles were discussed.
- *Technology*
 - The School has upgraded to Fiber-optic Internet! For those of you were asking what the difference is:
 - ✓ Fiber optic Internet sends data faster than cable. It is delivered on a dedicated line, which facilitates more consistent speed than cable. This is true even during peak usage times.
 - ✓ Fiber is considered more reliable. It is immune to many of the conditions that cable Internet is susceptible to.
 - ✓ Fiber optic Internet is less likely to go down during a power outage.

- ✓ Because fiber optic Internet is made of glass, there is no electricity involved. This protects it against interference from nearby power lines or high voltage electrical equipment. This also helps reduce the risk of fire.
- ✓ The private network installed to your home makes fiber optic Internet harder to hack.
- ✓ Fiber can withstand more temperature fluctuations than cable. It can also be submerged in water.

- The Tech committee met last month to discuss the needs for next school year: we will be purchasing 38 chrome books for 2019-2020 to upgrade teachers' laptops that will not be supported after Jan 2020, and to increase the upper grade device count.
- We have applied for eRate funds (Federal grant money) to add more access points to the west wing of the school and to upgrade those that we have.

Motion to adjourn. Closing prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity