

SSPJ School Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2021 at 7pm

Members Present: Ms. Diane Anderson, Ms. Jennifer Wos, Mr. Matthew Carey, Mrs. Jennine Cullen, Dr. Denice Franco, Mrs. Christina Hughes, Dr. Gus Mantia, Ms. Kelly McGovern

Excused: Fr. Tom Haggerty, Mrs. Tracy McAlvin, Mrs. Tania Felber-Willman

I. **Opening Prayer-** Ms. Anderson opened the meeting with a prayer

II. Principal's Report- Ms. Diane Anderson

1. Ms. Anderson reported that our day of giving was a great success, we exceeded our goal with a total donation received to date of \$11,044.
2. New Wifi extenders are being installed in the main building to provide additional support for iReady programs
3. The Alumni page is going very well, highlighting different Alumni, faculty, staff from our community; along with videos highlighting all of the wonderful things that happen at SSPJ.
4. Re-registration forms for 2021-22 school year are now past due, there is now a waiting list for most classes at this time, as most classes are at their maximum capacity.
5. Planning for next year, and awaiting guidance for next year in regard to class sizes, etc.; there has been a consistent interest in the school, continuing to provide tours and information to families considering SSPJ.

III. Pastor's Report- Fr. Tom Haggerty

1. Fr. Tom is holding Reconciliation this evening, for eighth graders preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

IV. Guild Report- Mrs. Jennine Cullen

1. We are on track for our fundraising goal for the present school year.
2. Presently the BOON Fundraiser is happening

3. The Read A Thon is kicking off
4. We will be holding a clothing drive, donations will be accepted and the company pays by the pound for all of the clothing it picks up- the drop off spot will be located at the parking lot of Soul Brew in St. James. Date to be announced, and donations will be accepted on that specific day.

V. Public Relations Committee- Mr. Carey and Dr. Franco

1. Dr. Franco and Mr. Carey reported that the Facebook Alumni and Community page is going really well, with a goal of posting a featured alumni/faculty/staff weekly; and are reaching more and more people every week
2. The Facebook page is now linked to our Instagram page also.
3. The PR committee will work on sharing information about the Facebook page in the bulletin to be sure to reach our extended community of alumni and family.

VI. President's Report- Mrs. Jennifer Wos

1. Mrs. Wos reported that the SSPJ Foundation is officially approved by the state, as Catholic Academic Promise Inc. with a Tax Identification number; the next step is to submit for 5013b status; work on the logo, establish an email/ mailing address, and a committee to promote awareness of the Foundation and a Board of Directors.
2. Dr. Mantia shared some of the resources now part of the committee, including former Yankee Frank Tepedino; Town Council representative Tom Lohmann, NYS Assembly representative Mike Fitzpatrick and KC Murphy marketing Director.
3. Mrs. Wos and the committee will continue to provide updates and information as the development of the Foundation progresses.

VII. Round Table Discussion:

- Mrs. Cullen reported that the Anniversary sub-committee met and started to put together ideas for the 100th anniversary of SSPJ School for the 2021-22 school year.
- The school board thanked Mrs. Wos for all of the good work and dedication to the school board.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:38 pm

Next Meeting: March 1 at 7:00 pm