

LaSalle Board of Education

Meeting Minutes: Sept. 25, 2019

Present: Angie Katrichis, Father Diehm, Julie Duetmeyer, Roberta Smith, Cindy Hunt & Sara Wilgenbusch

Absent: Jake Cota, Susan Hucker & Shannon Brimeyer

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President Angie Katrichis

Father led prayer

Minutes from last meeting were approved with a 1st motion by Roberta Smith and second from Sara Wilgenbusch

Standing Committee Reports:

Finance:

- Net loss of \$4735 for fiscal year but board is secure in the fact that bills were due and money came in at different times. There was not an actual loss, just how cash-flow sat at the time of the fiscal year-end.
- There is a small out-standing amount of tuition due, but families are making payments
- Subsidies were all paid from parishes
- There was a \$6000 scrip payment made to the school in August
- Fuel costs were high due to the extreme cold weather; budget was adjusted for this year
- Insurance costs were lower than past years because there were no staff on the "5 plan"
- There was more tuition paid at the beginning of the school year than in past years so the finance committee looks favorably upon this

Facilities:

- Tile in the bathroom and entry way has been completed
- There were some initial plumbing issues with water pressure but it was resolved

Recruitment & Enrollment:

- Committee meeting set for Thursday, Oct. 10 at 6:30

Board In-Service

Faith Formation was discussed on how to strengthen a child's relationship with God.

Family Matters discussed how to bring the Catholic Church into your marriage to help strengthen it

Reports:

Principal's report:

- The parent meeting had a great turnout; 15-ish families were present
- MAP testing & FAST testing will begin in October. We will be reimbursed for some of these costs for the 2019-20 from the state level
- Mary Kay will be having her knee replaced right before Thanksgiving and will be expected to be off until the New Year, depending on her recovery. A sub is already set to teach in her absence.

Pastor's Report:

Nothing new to report other than he is excited about the Strategic Planning the board and school is getting ready to partake in.

New Business:

Great Gobble Galore is set for Friday, Nov. 22 with doors opening at 6. We're looking at about 25 vendors and the games for the kids will be similar.

The Spring Social is set for Thursday, Feb. 27. The first committee meeting is set for Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 at Newman's. Susan would like to have the graphic/theme done so we can start to advertise at the Gobble Galore.

The School Board Policy Review was tabled until the next meeting.

Digital Empowerment is coming up. Parents are encouraged to attend. We want children to be safe when using technology. There are 3 different meetings that parents can attend.

Old Business:

Strategic Planning Update

- Susan, Angie and Jessica Bries attended the first workshop in Cedar Falls. The first topic the committee needs to work on is writing a new mission statement. It should be very specific to our school and who we are! The mission statement should be visible in the school.
- Paperwork was handed out to all board members. We were asked to think about our school specifically and answer the questions. The committee will then take our answers (along with teachers and other community members) and use this to help write the statement.
- Change is usually seen in year 3 of this 4 year process. There has been a general increase in enrollment of 3-15%, depending on how much each committee institutes.
- This committee will be made up of different sub-committees and it is thought that each board member will be on one sub-committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 with a first motion by Angie and seconded by Sara.