

LaSalle Board of Education

Minutes from January 16, 2020 Meeting

Present: Angie Katrichis, Julie Deutmeyer, Jake Cota, Susan Hucker, Roberta Smith, Sara Wilgenbusch, Shannon Brimeyer, Father Noah Diehm & Cindy Hunt

The meeting was called to order by President, Angie Katrichis at 7:05. Prayer was led by Father Diehm

Shannon motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Julie seconded that motion.

Standing Committees:

Finance:

- Subsidy payments are all caught up
- The electricity bill has been high compared to last year's bill
- There is a loss on the lunch account of -\$4541.20; Karen is working on paring down budget where she can
- The Finance committee will be working on the tuition recommendations for the 2020-2021 school year

Facilities:

- Jake did a walk-thru of the building
- There is nothing really imminent that needs to be fixed at this time
- J&M Construction was out to take measurements and get information for an estimate for filling in the basement windows, replace the fiberglass board in the cafeteria, and put on a new door to the back of the building. This will be a custom built door because the dimensions are odd. Jake advised to get an estimate for an aluminum door as well. Depending on what the wall surface is like behind the glass board, it might be necessary to add furring strips to the wall.
- The kitchen stove could possibly be fixed but we're looking at options of adding a new gas stove in its place but not sure if we need one as big as what we have currently. There is a possibility of doing a fundraiser with the Catholic Forrester's which would match dollar for dollar what we raise. A new stove would cost approx. \$1500.
- DHS certification is taking longer than we thought it would. We are waiting on call-backs from a couple of people regarding an estimate and time frame of when the design could be finished.
- There is flooring that has been worn through in some of the classrooms; we could possibly replace with carpet or epoxy- this was deemed a non-essential project for the time being.

Long Range Planning:

- The Cookies with Santa morning was a success; we had 58 students, 34 were from the school and the others were not. It came out to be about \$2 per kid. Susan and Beverly will look at the possibility of doing something similar with the Easter bunny.

Board Gram:

- Catholic schools week
- Send kids to Education Celebration in Des Moines
- January is Poverty Awareness month

Reports:**Principal:**

- We did have some participation with the preschool open house. There were 2 for the 3 year program and 3 for the 4 year program.
- The DRA grant will open at the end of the month; Susan would like to ask for LCD & Short-throw projectors or possible preschool items.
- The Saints will come for a school assembly and flyers will be distributed to the churches. Tickets can be purchased at the school office.

Pastor's Report:

- Father Diehm encourages feedback from the board, parents and parishioners on how he can serve us better.
- He does make it a point to eat lunch with the students when available.

Old Business:**Gobble Galore:**

- Roberta is planning to do a few things different next year in order to keep our vendors honest and committed to coming to our vendor fair.

Spring Social:

- Tickets will start hitting mailboxes this week, beginning of next week. All board members are encouraged to attend. Cindy passed out the beverage list. All board members were asked to contribute a beverage to the social as well we bring a 9x13 dessert.

Restaurant Fundraisers:

- Dubuque Pizza Ranch offers 10% of sales and all tips that are left. Cindy will see if she can get some dates that are available.
- The Asbury Eagles Club would be a fantastic fundraiser. Angie will call and see if there are any dates available. The school provides the workers and each couple brings a salad.
- Happy Joes in Dyersville offers 20% fundraising nights but no coupons can be used
- There are also gas pumps around the region that advertise \$.03 back for the school for a certain period of time. More information is needed on this option.

Mission Statement:

- A few changes were made and it was motioned for approval by Cindy and seconded by Jake.

New Business:**Catholic Schools Week:**

- Catholic School week will be kicked off with a student-led mass by La Salle at the 10 AM Rickardsville Mass.
- Beckman will send speakers for Mass and will have a table set up at Mass.

- Brother Stephen will be in to talk to students about vocations as well as his classmate that is well on his way to becoming a Saint.

STO:

- Fundraising was down across the board for the archdiocese. It was over \$1 Million dollars under goal.
- Because of this shortage, it will effect tuition awards. This will primarily affect the students that are awarded the minimum grant and there will only be 1 round of awards compared to the 2 rounds of last year.
- This has been tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

It was motioned by Roberta to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Julie. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18.

-Submitted by: Cindy Hunt