



QUEEN OF PEACE

Catholic Church and School

School Board Minutes

February 16, 2023 - 6:30 p.m. - School Commons

- School board meeting began at 6:30 with Opening Prayer led by Norm Burggraf
- ATTENDANCE: Mike Dabler
 - Father John Eze, Kim Obringer, Norm Burggraf
Michelle Wagner, Esther Bradley, Mike Dabler, Kari and Joe Curylo
Absent: Melissa Rosswurm, Eric Bradley
- Pastoral Council Update - Father John Eze/Kim Obringer
 - Directory is in works for Easter season
 - Good improvement on the ushers on 10am and other masses
 - It is important to have collections back
 - Father John provided Lenten flier of events for review of the school board
 - Discussion for edits and ideas shared on what info is going to be on Lenten fliers
 - Book fair to be open during Mardi Gras
 - Final copy to be done on Sunday 19th
- Principal Update - Kim Obringer
 - Mrs. Obringer is providing a new method of digital communication to reduce the cost of printing and the amount of flyers that need to be designed and printed each week.
 - Puma news parent newsletter was sent out today in a link via email. This is a project still in early stages. It will have the ability to communicate quickly and effectively with interactive online newsletters, hopefully solid in fall and should increase parent engagement. Good feedback from several families so far
 - Yesterday preschool conferences were held after school
School 18 preschooler and 1 kindergartner and about half of student body have 65 students re-enrolled so far. Issues with verifications addressed
Re-enrollment cost goes up March 1
 - Open house marketing money may be better spent on other things versus radio
 - Pulse and 95.3 were radio spots (marketing team)
 - Word of mouth
 - Church bulletin
 - Social media / Family friends
 - Focus on kindergarten in future
 - Smart goals update
 - Kim went to December meeting for CSO visit based on Smart Goals
 - Enrollment Management plan
 - Dr. Joe was busy and helped to complete the enrollment management plan

- Partners in mission webinars over the next few months will be helpful. Last week
 - Educational goals
 - Working on data and Language arts development
 - 1:00 PM dismissal tomorrow for Mishawaka Catholic coming over for professional development on data reporting (NWEA) (iLearn) to work on enrichment
 - On skills we are missing for enrichment
 - Lenten Activities
 - Living Stations of the cross March 17
 - Mardi Gras
 - Adoration club
 - Pretzel making activity for children to bake pretzels.
 - Jesus Tree during Lent
 - St. Patrick's day on Friday
 - School Update
 - Enrollment 135 students to 145 for growth
 - Marketing going strong
 - Sharing data on scores
 - Kim is learning a lot on data in her classes
 - Religious goals
 - Mardi Gras
 - Create a community of prayer in school
 - Scripture in to newsletters
- Athletics Update - Kari and Joe Curylo
 - Boys basketball ended Feb 9
 - Girls basketball is still goin on.
 - We are still hosting games and doing well every Saturday
 - 8th graders did not make it past the first round, but had fun
 - Kari and Joe Attended ICCL meetings
 - Chevrons and Academic awards are being addressed
 - Soft ball fields updates
 - Only parishioners can use it
 - Not allowed to rent out, but looking at options
 - Also still trying to promote baseball field to use our fields for baseball practices and games, would like to utilize our facilities
 - Other goals: Looking into new trophy case
 - Sign up sheet setup for open volunteer positions
 - We have a full size bounce house to utilize
 - HASA Update - Eric Bradley
 - Not many people at HASA
 - Looking for anew president and vice president for HASA
 - Looking to get more parents involved
 - May eliminate HASA if no interest or support
 - Hasa will help for fundraising point
 - Jubilee society will work on as well
 - Ongoing issue for volunteerism

- Parents need to be involved more and
- Community night recap. was biggest one ever over 100 people
- April one will be put on by the Choir and will have a dance party.
- Strategic Plan Michelle
 - We had an inservice last night and developed some questions for a survey
 - Sending out question survey to parishioners, parents and alumni
 - Catholic Identity
 - Ready for April then done by May in Spring of 24 when it is due
 - Diocese is giving us some extra time with new administration transition
 - Technically should be due in fall, but we now have until spring 2024
 - Put into mission statement when done
- Committee Updates
 - Principal Evaluation is complete.
 - Father John offered thanks for help and meeting the deadline this year.
 - Policy Update: Mike Dabler
 - Polo and Crewneck sweatshirts were displayed again
 - Mostly the same as last year, the only thing changing is we are moving to a Navy embroidered polo with our new logo on it. And an optional Navy embroidered crewneck sweatshirt.
 - Store will be up and running on our website soon
 - When we come back from spring break
 - Used uniform surplus addressed
 - Some of the old tubs were donated
 - Khakis are still good so we are saving those
 - Athletic manual is being updated with the new Athletic Director, in review process and hope to be finished soon
- Closing Comments/Prayer & Blessing - Father John Eze

Social media needs to be utilized better to reach out and public schools are getting more interest in private schools.

Money is not an issue so we need to educate everyone

Vouchers available to almost everyone and SGO now up to \$140,000

Ideas to offer loyalty money to parishioners to preschools, kindergarten

More finance assistance available than ever before.

Advice to offer more evangelization. Possibly a letter of acceptance that you will be active in your children's education and spiritual growth

Father John: Move more to create a loving environment for our children

Who does not want to send their child to a loving environment?

CLOSING PRAYER: Norm Burggraf

Meeting concluded at 7:26 with the prayer.

Upcoming Meetings:
March 16, 2023 6:30PM School Commons