



QUEEN OF PEACE

Catholic Church and School

School Board Minutes

May 18, 2023 - 6:30 p.m. - School Commons

- School board meeting began at 6:30 with Opening Prayer led by Melissa Rosswurm
- Attendance: Mike Dabler
 - Father John Eze, Kim Obringer, Melissa Rosswurm, Joe and Kari Curylo
Michelle Wagner, Esther Bradley, Mike Dabler, Eric Bradley,
Absent: Norm Burggraf
- Pastoral Council Update - Father Melissa Rosswurm
 - Wrap up of Lenten activities from April went well
 - Should probably do Easter egg hunt before Easter not after
 - Parish directory out now
 - Security system updates
 - Confirmation April 27th
 - Peacefest August 26th and 27th events planned so far
 - Car Show
 - Trunk sale
 - Trivia night Questions reviewed who will run
 - Mass
 - Lunch
 - Children's games
 - Ideas from groups from last month
 - Theme "Stay with us"
 - Kids are working on a theme for T-shirt contest in art classes
 - Eucharistic revival in process reviewed - QofP being led by Michelle Sziako
 - Cross-Diocesan Eucharistic revival Pilgrimage
 - Join pilgrims from across our diocese June 4-11, 2023 as we give public witness to our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament in a special Eucharistic procession from Fort Wayne all the way to South Bend. This eight-day event is a kickoff for the national Eucharistic procession occurring during the summer of 2024 all across the U.S., concluding in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress in July of 2024. Our diocese is honored to help pave the way for this seminal event for our country.
 - June 4 - Depart Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
 - June 5 - Depart St. Patrick, Arcola
 - June 6 - Depart St. John Bosco, Churubusco
 - June 7 - Depart Blessed Sacrament, Albion
 - June 8 - Depart St. Patrick, Ligonier
 - June 9 - Depart St. John the Evangelist, Goshen
 - June 10 - Depart St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart
 - June 11 - Depart Queen of Peace, Mishawaka

- Principal Update - Kim Obringer
 - Academic fair today great turn out, well attended, students did great
 - SB Cubs games field trip set for this Wednesday grades 1-8 graders
 - Next Thursday 7-8th graders go on a field trip to the Chemistry lab at Notre Dame for a partnership we have set up for them. Notre Dame professors and grad students were here last week to do labs with our kids and they had a great experience.
 - Preschool and 8th grade graduation same day
 - Preschoolers will be graduating on Tuesday, June 6 at 9 am in the school gym. Please join us for the graduation ceremony and treats afterward.
 - Our 8th Graders will be graduating on Tuesday, June 6 also. Mass will begin at 6:30 pm and the graduation ceremony will begin in the gym following Mass. Please join us in acknowledging these students and their accomplishments.
 - The new Choice legislation was passed and provides many more opportunities for helping families afford a catholic education.
 - The Budget removed the eligibility pathways/tracks (hoops) and increased the financial eligibility to 400% of Free and Reduced Lunch eligibility (\$220,000 for a family of 4). The 5 year old birthdate eligibility was moved to October 1st and SGO scholarships can now be used for PreK tuition as well!
 - New legislation Starts on July 1
 - Back To School events scheduled for Sunday Aug 13 after 10 AM mass
 - Fashion show again to show off new uniforms like the last HASA meeting
 - Tentatively looking at Barbeque fundraiser (Mr. Wheeler offered) he has a friend who can provide a lunch event to raise 100% funds for Queen of Peace
 - Other Important upcoming dates
 - Monday, May 22: National Day of Prayer and Remembrance,
We will have an All School Mass at 8 am.
 - Wednesday, May 24: Grades 1st - 8th field trip to SB Cubs game. We will leave school at 10 am and return by 2:30 pm. Students may wear Queen of Peace gym wear.
 - Thursday, May 25: 4H Model Rocket Meeting at 6 pm in School Commons
 - Thursday, May 25: 7th/8th grade students travel to ND Chemistry Lab
 - Friday, May 26: NO All School Mass, 1:00 Dismissal, No Pumas in the pm Friday,
 - May 26: Mother/Son Ninja Golf event rescheduled, 4-8 pm
 - Monday, May 29: Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL
 - Monday, June 5: Cheer Club
 - Wednesday, June 7: Last day of school!
 - VBS 17-24th is in the works being planned need more students to sign up (only 6 so far)
 - National inventors hall of fame Camp invention will be going on in July , K-6th 6 or 7 students so far posted online and newsletter updates for this STEM camp
 - Information that was shared at last week's HASA meeting
 - SMART Goals Update: Instructional Leader
 - Enrollment is up to 147 students for next school year (including the preschool classes)
 - SMART Goals Update: Instructional Leader

- Spiritual Goals are going well by including community of prayer, scripture in newsletters needs some work
- SMART Goals Update: Educational Leader
 - Working on NWEA scores and review data wall to find holes in the learning process and develop ways to make better

Outlook for next year.

- We have 3 preschool classes available: 3-year-olds (half-day Th & F, still some spots left), 4-year-olds (half-day slots still available on M-W), and PK 4/5-year-olds (all day, every day - full!).
 - 3rd & 4th grade teachers will be team teaching. Mrs. Snyder will be teaching Science and ELA/Reading to both 3rd & 4th graders while Mrs. Mulstay will be teaching Math & Social Studies.
 - 5th & 6th grade teachers will also be team teaching. Ms. Garcia will be teaching ELA/Reading & Math to both 5th & 6th graders while Mr. Coleman will be teaching Science & Social Studies.
 - 3RD-6TH CLASSES ARE NOT COMBINED CLASSES!
 - 7th & 8th grade will be a combined class with Mrs. Hagen and a new teacher co-teaching together. While Mrs. Hagen is teaching Math & Science, the other teacher will be working in the classroom with the students in small groups and assisting. While the new teacher is teaching ELA/Reading and Social Studies, Mrs. Hagen will be working with the students in small groups and assisting.
 - 7th/8th grade will also be partnering with ND Energy and participating in Chemistry Labs. A ND professor and grad students will come to QP several times throughout the school year, and then the 7th/8th grade students will travel to ND to work in the Chemistry Labs on campus.
- Athletics Update - Joe Curylo
 - Everything wrapping up for the year
 - Baseball Track Lacrosse finish up this week
 - Updated new forms for athletic manual
 - Jr Saints soccer forms going out
 - New forms provided from the athletic dept for the upcoming athletic sign ups
 - girls soccer
 - girls softball
 - boys soccer
 - boys soccer
 - boys football
 - holy cross basketball camp
 - Susan Kempf will be taking over for Toni Violi as president after 40 years
 - Track and Tennis are complete
 - HASA Update - Eric Bradley
 - Budget is reviewed and approved and will be same as last year
 - Goal to increase specialty teachers funds by 50-100 dollars
 - Reaching out to local business for local give back nights and looking for other ideas to support the goal

- Looking for new member leaders. Hoping for some good nominations from families and parents
- Need HASA representatives so anyone interested please contact Mrs. O
- HASA Marketing Update - Eric Bradley
 - Poster for the upcoming dates are great
 - Parent newsletters are sent out to keep us updates and have good reviews
 - Facebook updates are current and keeping up with events
 - Reviews partners in mission and validity of facebook parent pages
 - Alternative for parents who are not on facebook for other communications
 - Come grow with us campaign
 - Working on new ideas for next fall
- Strategic Plan - Michelle
 - Meeting ran late but Survey is done , parent and parishioner are complete
 - Parishioner is shorter than parent version
 - Dry run went well, but we need to refine and tweak will wait until fall to implement
 - Jeff is busy and working on the google forms
- Policy - Mike Dabler
 - Great news again for the passage of the School choice voucher program expansion.
 - Policy team did a great job this year supporting and being voices for our kids
 - Athletic Handbook complete
 - Thanks to all who contributed to our success.
- Final thank you - Melissa Rosswurm
 - It has been a pleasure working with you all.
 - Two seats need filling Norm and Melissa's
 - Melissa wishes us the best and we will continue seeking nominations for school board over the summer.
- Closing Comments/Prayer & Blessing - Father John Eze

We have come a long way, throughout all of the challenges we had earlier this year. We were in a serious situation and worked through many troubling times. I would like to thank all of you for all of your courage, support, time, hard work and effort to get us to this point.

The school is our greatest ministry and we thank God for all of our blessings. Enrollment is coming back, but we need to continue to do the right things. I am confident in Father Bill, and we need to rally behind him and not wait for him to succeed, but step up and help support him. Queen of Peace will always be my Parish, and my home, my heart is here. God is calling me to different challenges, and I am thankful for you all.

CLOSING PRAYER: Melissa Rosswurm

Meeting concluded at 7:43 with the prayer.

*** If you are interested in any open board positions (HASA: President and Vice President) & (School Advisory Board: President & Vice President) please email me directly at kobringer@queenofpeace.cc

Respectfully Submitted
Mike Dabler, Secretary

Have a Blessed Summer!