



Location: Parish Life Center Date: May 16, 2023
Time: 6:30 PM

Good Shepherd School Council

MEETING MINUTES **Adopted**

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

- a. Members Present: Patrick Rupinen, President; Jennifer Mayes-Laracuente, Secretary; Sara Anderson; Jacob Laslie; Tricia Hamilton; Courtney McCoy; Kelly Rowe; Emily Jones; Kellie Coleman; April Collins
- b. Members Absent: Natalie Burkinav; Kathryn Dutton-Mitchell; Ryan Watts; Kevin Johnson; Father John Ljana

II. Correspondence, Welcome and Introductions

- a. Meeting was opened with prayer by Jennifer Mayes-Laracuente.

III. Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2023

- a. Motion made by Tricia Hamilton to accept minutes from the April meeting. Motion was second by Courtney McCoy. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

IV. Review and Acceptance of March Agenda

- a. Motion made by Jacob Laslie to accept Agenda for May meeting. Motion was second by Sara Anderson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

V. Old Business

- a. Elections – Discussion of those who have submitted bios and voting of new members. [April Collins, Shelby Habe]
 - Motion was made by Jennifer Mayes-Laracuente to accept new members. Motion was second by Sara Anderson. New members accepted by unanimous vote.
- b. Officers – Volunteers wishing to as an Officer (election is June 13, 2023)
 - Reminder given that officer elections are upcoming.

VI. New Business

- a. Reports
 - i. Pastor's Report – Father John was not in attendance and unable to provide report.
 - ii. Principal's Report – Principle Kelly Rowe provided update. Enrollment for 2023-2024 school year is up from last school year with possible student increase of approximately 10% for Pre K and K-8. Pre K class size expected to be no more than 12 per class with 2 adults per class. School considering a grade

4 and 5 split due to class size. Summer camp enrollment going well with full capacity expected between GSS and TFCA enrollees.

Mission in Ministry Grant was approved and will be used to pay for Guidance Counselor. Expecting \$20,000 funding that will have to be reapplied for ongoing. Position will be shared with St. Leo who is providing additional funding of their own. Position expected to host parent information sessions, provide in class guidance, and assist children on an as need basis with personal issues as they arise. Mary Lowe and Kindle Hopkins will not be returning in the 2023-2024 school year. Currently seeking Middle School teacher for Social Studies or Writing. Emily Perkins will be replacing Ms. Hopkins and will be working with Mrs. Coleman on curriculum and Grade 1 readiness.

School Safety Committee Leadership meeting will be in June and will advise when regular meetings to begin with all members.

Adam Scott is stepping down from Athletic Director; pending acceptance from possible candidate.

Upcoming school dates: Field day – 5/17/2023; Global Village day and 8th Grade clap out 5/18/2023;

8th Grade Graduation – 5/19/2023; Last day of school and Pre K Promotion – 5/26/2023.

iii. Liaison Reports:

1. PPC – Good Shepherd is hiring a Part Time youth director for the Parish.

2. PTO –

- PTO requesting more parent involvement. PTO sponsored the recent Color Run and has purchased Level Reader books for the school.
- PTO Kickoff event at West 6th Farm in September; planning for a Thursday or Saturday.
- Pool Party cannot be held at Juniper Hills this year but will be held at Falling Springs in Versailles. Planned for the first weekend of August.

iv. School Council Members Updates –

- Butterfly Garden is in place
- Scouts BSA Charter has been approved for GSS and Pack 269 will begin in the Fall.
- Patrick Rupinen attended Diocese Counsel Meeting during the prior week. Advised that Diocese school enrollment and capacity is up overall. School action plans are currently under review. Lexington Catholic to undergo a review from 3rd Party Agency to help determine the best administrative model and define roles and responsibilities within the school.
- GSS expected to host 2023-2024 Focus Forward conference which will include reimbursement for use of the school for meeting space.

VII. Upcoming Business/Events

- a. 8th Grade Graduation on 5/19/2023
- b. End of the 2022-2023 School Year on 5/26/2023 with early dismissal

VIII. Upcoming Council meeting – June 13th, Parish Life Center @6:30 PM

IX. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn was made by Tricia Hamilton and second by Courtney McCoy. Motion passed by unanimous vote and meeting closed by Patrick Rupinen.