

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 5th, 2022
4:30 pm

- 1 Call to order and opening prayer
 - 1.1 In attendance: Father Kovash, Father Greg, Julie Quamme, Aaron Schmit, Vanessa Njos, Erin Vournas, Kelsey Lee, Jonathon Westphal, Brandon Johnson, & Abbey Dahlberg
 - 1.2 Absent: none
- 2 Previous Meeting Minutes
 - 2.1 Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Brandon Johnson, 2nd by Jonathon Westphal
- 3 Financial Report
 - 3.1 No Financial Report Given
- 4 Principal's Report given by Julie Quamme
 - 4.1 Enrollment
 - 4.1.1 Current enrollment for this year is at 210.
 - 4.1.2 Next year's enrollment is sitting at 206 with 3 students still in progress. There are still 22 students who have not finished the process with maybe a potential of 6 or 7 of these students not returning.
 - 4.1.3 Biggest enrollments for next year seem to be coming for Preschool through 2nd grade.
 - 4.1.4 Yesterday we had 3 calls alone of families wanting to move over.
 - 4.2 Vision Committee
 - 4.2.1 Biggest take away was does the current plan that has been proposed have enough space for what is needed. And there is a huge need in our community for this at this time.

4.2.2 Talked about the possible need for a paid Fundraising “director.”
That could really manage the fundraisers, keep track of the money, maybe only part-time at first.

4.2.2.1 Maybe also help with grant writing.

4.2.2.2 Development Officer

4.2.2.3 Maybe put in bulletin an ad.

4.2.2.4 Alumni Association

4.3 Fundraisers

4.3.1 This is the highest amount that we have ever made selling chocolate! The total was around \$18,000! About \$1,500 will come out of this for prizes the rest is profit!

4.3.2 Move-a-thon has been moved to May 12th. The funds will be used to get the technology updated.

4.4 Teacher Interviews

4.4.1 An offer has been made and excepted to a 5th grade teacher.

4.4.2 A second interview is happening with a Minot State student.

4.4.3 There is also a staff member who will be eligible to be hired.

4.5 The 6th graders will attend the Chrism Mass on Monday

4.6 NDSA begins this month

4.7 English Language Arts Curriculum

4.7.1 Staff has chosen Wonders program. Will be ordering the 2023 edition so it will be the most current one out there.

4.7.2 The price of the curriculum is \$63,000 but will cover us for 6 years.

4.7.3 There is professional development included in this. The teachers will be able to do the training in their homes virtually this summer. There is additional follow-up and trainings a few months later.

4.8 Missoula Children’s Theater

- 4.8.1 First week of May.
- 4.8.2 Housing has been set up for the 2 program leaders coming
- 4.8.3 The play will be *Jack and the Beanstalk*
- 4.8.4 Parents will be notified of tryouts and details after Easter break.

4.9 End of School

- 4.9.1 Servant leadership: cleaning up the community
- 4.9.2 Talent show
- 4.9.3 Spring Fling

5 Old Business

None

6 New Business

None

7 Pastors Report given by Father Kovash

7.1 Early Childhood Center

- 7.1.1 Father has been on the phone a lot with JE Dunn and our architect.
- 7.1.2 Prices of materials have really been going up. The price has went from an original plan of 3 million to over 4 million dollars.
- 7.1.3 Right now, 3.46 million dollars has been committed and 2.6 million is in the bank.
- 7.1.4 Brick is now cheaper, so the plan is to go back to an all-brick building.
- 7.1.5 The hope is to break ground in May. With a projected 10-12 month construction project.
- 7.1.6 Letters will be going out to parishioners and school parents about the building project.
- 7.1.7 Father is hoping by the end of this week the resolution will be sent to the Bishop and things will be able to be locked in.

7.2 Right now we are working with 3 modular companies.

7.2.1 There is a good chance that our 2nd second grade classroom would be held in this modular.

7.2.2 This would be placed along the fence in the parking lot

7.3 Bathroom project is slated to begin this summer on the remaining 5 bathrooms. Project cost is estimated around \$100,000.

7.4 A new principal has been hired as well as a new administrative assistant.

7.4.1 5 people applied for the job and 3 of those candidates were interviewed.

7.4.2 Narcel Clark has been hired as the principal. She is a veteran teacher in SD. She has taught on the reservation for 33 years. She is working on her administrative degree.

7.4.3 An administrative assistant was hired out of Boise, ID. She is moving to Williston late spring, early summer. She also has a theology degree.

8 The next school board meeting will be Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 at 4:30pm in O'Neill Hall.

9 Closing Prayer & Meeting Adjourned