

# ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Board Agenda  
Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
4:30 pm-Conference Room

## 1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

1.1. In Attendance: Father Kovash, Father Greg, Narcel Clark, Matt Kohler, Abbey Dahlberg, Brandon Johnson, Joan Zander.

1.2. Absent: Heidi Lee, Jonathon Westphal, Kelsey Lee

## 2. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

2.1. Motion to approve by Joan Zander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandon Johnson. Motion carried.

## 3. Review of Financial Statements

3.1. None

## 4. Administrator's Report

4.1. Enrollment is at 217 for the current school year and is currently sitting at 202 for next year.

4.2. The school completed State testing.

4.3. The school has decided on Inspire Science Curriculum for grades 3-6.

4.3.1. There is a lot of science curriculum embedded in the Language arts curriculum that will be enough for the lower grades.

4.4. The staff had a science of reading training.

4.4.1. In May there will be another zoom training for this. The staff will also have to complete about 20 hours of training over the course of the summer.

4.4.2. Mrs. Clark will be doing an admin training on science of reading next week.

4.5. Safe Environment training has been completed.

4.6. The private schools met and did a title review. Reports for the year were reviewed to make sure that everything was in compliance.

4.7. The school will be doing year end benchmarks soon. The lower grades have started, and they are looking good. The lower grades are all testing at grade level.

4.8. Next year there are only 15 students enrolled at this time (There are currently 21 Kindergartners).

4.8.1. The decision has been made to only have 1 first grade classroom next year and Mrs. Kramer will move to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade which she is really excited about.

4.8.2. There is a person who has interviewed for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade position and will be having a 2<sup>nd</sup> interview. He is a local teacher from the public school.

4.9. Next Year Shelby Treider has been hired as the new full-day preschool teacher and Ben Lee has been hired for a music and band teacher.

## 5. PTO Update

5.1. The PTO is working on Teacher Appreciation Week.

## 6. Old Business

6.1. None

## 7. New Business

7.1. The board discussed how to advertise our openings for the next school year.

7.1.1. Abbey mentioned that we could get more window stickers to give to parents at the Spring Program

7.1.2. The board thought marketing could be done on New Williston Connections or other FB sites but make sure that commenting is turned off.

## 8. Pastor's Report

8.1. Father Kovash and Father Greg are starting new assignments starting in July.

There are two new priests starting, Father Eberle he is currently at Kenrick Seminary. Father Ben Wanner is currently the associate pastor at St. Joseph's in Dickinson and is the chaplain at Trinity High School in Dickinson.

8.2. Ray Urbi is retiring. He is being replaced by Alex Kitchens. He started last Monday and Ray is training him in currently.

8.3. Father Kovash and Mrs. Clark met with the public school district to claim the remaining IANS dollars amounting to about \$85,000.

8.4. The board asked about how the structure of Catholic schools is typically run.

Father Kovash stated that in the bigger towns they have a superintendent who is trained in education.

8.4.1. Mandan, Standing Rock, and St. Joes (Williston) are the only ones who have a Priest as the super intendent.

## 8.5. Little Joes Early Childhood Center

8.5.1. A Director has been hired, Cheryl Mahnke, she owned and operated a childcare center in New York for 20 years with upwards of 150 kids. She has been teaching for the past 4 years.

8.5.1.1. She also has experience with grant writing and food service and such.

8.5.2. The plan is still to open in September.

8.5.3. The red canopies went up out front this week and look great!

8.5.4. They are planning to have an open house in June for the public.

8.5.5. Father and Julie are meeting with Keith Olson again and hoping to have rates released by mid-May.

#### 8.6. Salary Enhancement Fund

8.6.1. Father has 7 individuals who are going to help him.

8.6.2. They have already raised \$300,000.

#### 9. Time and Date of Next Meeting

9.1. Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30p

#### 10. Closing Prayer & Adjournment