

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Board Minutes
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
4:30 pm

- 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
Absent: Kelsey Lee, Jonathon Westphal
- 2 Previous Meeting Minutes
 - 2.1 November meeting minutes approved; motion by Matt Kohler, second by Joan Zander;
 - 2.2 December meeting minutes approved; motion by Brandon Johnson, second by Matt Kohler
- 3 Financial Report
 - 3.1 No Financial Report Given
- 4 Principal's Report given by Narcel Clark
 - 4.1 Enrollment is at 214
 - 4.2 We have had 4 snow days; we had enough built in so we won't have to make these up
 - 4.3 Didn't have December in-service due to snow day-Alice training was rescheduled to January
 - 4.4 In-service on January 16- IXL training; Alice training was canceled by the instructors-rescheduled for March; school and church staff discussed safety concerns
 - 4.5 Safety Assessment was done by ND Safety Council on January 4th. We received a 42-page report back, but haven't had an opportunity to go through it yet.
 - 4.6 Candy Sales have kicked off, ending Feb. 17
 - 4.7 Enrollment for existing families began on Jan. 17th

- 4.7.1 59 finished; 17 in process
- 4.8 Evaluations of Certified staff are finished
- 4.9 Second Quarter ended on Jan. 18th
- 4.10 STAR winter benchmark testing is finished for math and reading except for a couple who missed.
 - 4.10.1 We are very pleased with the gains made
- 4.11 We in the process of deciding on a curriculum for math and science.
- 4.12 We have been focusing on student behavior
 - 4.12.1 We have seen some improvements.
 - 4.12.2 There were a couple student suspensions in recent days
 - 4.12.3 Discussion on the email sent out in 6th grade, especially the inclusion of the Act of Contrition as a punishment
- 4.13 Chromebooks have arrived, and we are working on getting them set up before state testing
 - 4.13.1 Chromebooks are not supposed to be going home.
 - 4.13.2 There was discussion on blocking sites etc. on the Chromebooks.
- 4.14 We are still exploring a keyboarding class. A staff member is willing to teach it.
 - 4.14.1 We will try to figure out how to get some instruction for this year's sixth grade class
- 4.15 Mrs. Clark will be evaluating non-certified staff
- 4.16 Mardi Gras is coming up this weekend; staff have been encouraged to help out
- 4.17 Local spelling bee will be held Friday, Jan. 27
- 4.18 Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 29- Feb. 4.
- 4.19 Staff Christmas party is on Friday, Feb. 3.
- 4.20 Inservice on Friday, Feb. 17 will be on conscious discipline. Training will be all day and there will be no school
- 4.21 Winter Fun Night is Feb. 24 at the Raymond Center

4.22 Contracts will be offered on Feb. 15.

4.23 There was discussion on continued inconsistent grading in certain grades.

5 PTO

5.1 No report given

6 Old Business

None

7 New Business

8 Pastor's Report Given by Father Kovash

8.1 Need a new non-Catholic School Board Member

8.1.1 Erin Vournas has resigned as she has transferred her daughter out of the school

8.1.2 Fr. Kovash has names for potential candidates

8.2 Early Childhood Center

8.2.1 4.37 Million has been raised and we about \$300,000 short of having the building paid for.

8.2.2 The ad for the director position is out with the goal of hiring by June 1st.

8.3 The Race for Technology raised \$57,000, exceeding our goal of \$50,000.

Combined with EANS grant money, we should have most of our technology upgrade paid for.

8.3.1 A suggestion was made to share the results of the fundraiser with the students.

8.4 The vision committee has not met recently as we focus on present issues.

8.5 Some background was given on last week's safety concern

8.5.1 A suggestion was made to obtain walkie-talkies for the modular as they do not have a phone.

8.5.2 In this discussion, an example was given from another school to emphasize the importance of alerting parents of student injuries, even if they do not seem like a big deal.

⁹ The next school board meeting will be Tuesday, February 21st at 4:30

10 Closing Prayer & Meeting Adjourned