**ST. JOSEPH’S SCHOOL**

School Board Minutes

Tuesday, January 4th, 2022

4:30 pm

1. Call to order and opening prayer
   1. In attendance: Father Kovash, Father Greg, Julie Quamme, Aaron Schmit, Vanessa Njos, Erin Vournas, Brandon Johnson, Abbey Dahlberg
   2. Absent: Kelsey Lee & Jonathon Westphal
2. Previous Meeting Minutes
   1. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Vanessa Njos, 2nd by Aaron Schmit
3. Financial Report
   1. No Financial Report Given
4. Principal’s Report given by Julie Quamme
   1. Enrollment is at 210 currently. The school is starting to get calls for next year!
   2. PTO is meeting next Tuesday. The PTO checkbook is sitting at just over $32,000.
      1. Missoula Children’s Theatre will be back this spring doing Alice in Wonderland!
   3. Chocolate sales will be done this Spring before Easter and the chocolate should be in in time for Easter.
   4. The telethon will happen again this spring!
   5. The 3rd of February will be the next family lunch during Catholic’s school week. There will also be a luncheon on St. Joseph’s day in March.
   6. The water is life project is really going well and taking off.
      1. The 6th graders raised $600 at the Christmas program selling water!!!
      2. Julie will be working with the younger children to see what other ideas they have for raising money.
      3. Once the Pepple’s are established in Africa they will be doing zoom calls with the students.
   7. The teachers are enjoying the new active boards! Julie is now discussing where the active boards will go in the new early childhood center.
      1. The school is reviewing all the technology across the church, school, parish life center, new early childhood center, etc. Father feels like we can no longer keep “putting a bandaid” on our current system. Jeff Garaas has been employed to review the current system and give recommendations for updates.
      2. Innova is working on a Google Representative where they will be able to sell us our licenses for Google Chromebooks.
   8. The Reading curriculum is being updated. The school has until June to decide which curriculum they want for the Science of Reading Century Code.
      1. The teachers have developed a committee to look at different curriculums, test them in their classroom, etc.
   9. Contracts are coming out on January 10th and are due back on February 1st. Ray, Julie, and Father have been working on the salary schedule and will be implementing that next school year.
      1. This will be an expensive increase next year as the school works to get everyone on their appropriate salary schedule. At the minimum all current teachers will receive an increase of $1,600 which is about 4-5% their base pay. On average the last few years the increase has been 2-3% of their base pay.
      2. There is also a salary schedule for preschool teachers who do not have a 4-year degree or other non-degree employees.
      3. Enrollment will also begin January 14th and will open to the public February 1st.
      4. At this time, it does look like an additional 2nd grade classroom will be needed next year! The early childhood center will not be open by fall so it will take some planning to figure out where that classroom will go.
   10. Covid guidelines have been updated from the state recommending that anyone who is exposed be quarantined for 5 days and then wear a mask for an additional 5 days.
   11. Nikki Peterson has been moved to the preschool teacher position for this year. She has agreed to see how she likes it this year and then decide whether she wants to continue. If she continues, she is under the agreement that she will start working on her CDA.
       1. The school has also hired a new preschool assistant, Laurie Evanson, who will be starting next week.
5. Old Business

None

1. New Business

None

1. Pastors Report given by Father Kovash
   1. Father created a vision committee last February and recently added a few people with middle school experience. The committee will be meeting soon to discuss the early childhood center and possible middle school expansion.
      1. Father sees the committee meeting every 6 weeks.
   2. Father has 2.9 million in the bank and said he will not go over 4 million for the project.
      1. The project is almost ready to go out for bid.
      2. The project’s anticipated completion date is January 2023.
2. The next school board meeting will be Tuesday, February 8th, 2022 at 4:30pm in O’Neill Hall.
3. Closing Prayer & Meeting Adjourned