

# ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Board Minutes  
Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 Erin Vournas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vanessa Njos
- 3 Financial Report
  - 3.1 No Financial Report Given
- 4 Principal's Report given by Julie Quamme
  - 4.1 Current enrollment is at 211 for the current year. Enrollment for next year is currently at 195.
    - 4.1.1 We have 28 students who are currently enrolled this year who have not enrolled for next year.
    - 4.1.2 6 students are in the progress of enrolling and another 16 that the school feels like will finish the process.
  - 4.2 Abbey gave an update from the vision committee meeting the previous night. The next vision committee meeting is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - 4.2.1 St Joes does own 23 acres of land that can be explored as well.
  - 4.3 Chocolate sales ended March 1<sup>st</sup>. The profit for online sales was \$3,777.
    - 4.3.1 There will be about 20 kids that will earn the 5lb chocolate bar that means they student sold at least 60 boxes of chocolate.

4.3.2 Profits should be close to \$10,000. Next year the school will go back to the \$2 boxes on hand to sell.

4.4 PTO meeting is coming up Thursday. The Move-a-thon is coming up on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

4.4.1 The kids will be incorporating activities that encourage movement.

4.4.2 Ideas are still being talked about as to what the funds will be used for.

4.5 Julie and Teacher have completed 2 teacher interviews and 1 more to do.

4.5.1 One of those is very promising and they are waiting on her background checks.

4.5.2 Lacey is hoping to have someone to fill her position by April so that she can do some training with them before she is done. The ad will go out in the bulletin and on the FB page soon.

4.6 Julie presented the calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

4.6.1 The teachers have stated that they like the ½ professional days and would like to stick to that schedule for this next year.

4.6.2 School board moved to approve the calendar. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Brandon Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abbey Dahlberg

4.7 The CDC is no longer recommending that siblings need to stay home when they have a sibling test positive. They also are only recommending that a person with COVID should quarantine.

5 Old Business

None

6 New Business

None

7 Pastors Report given by Father Kovash

7.1 The plan was to renovate all the bathrooms over a two-year period. The main floor bathrooms were updated and made handicap accessible this past summer.

7.1.1 The renovation budget for the remainder bathrooms is around \$100,000 and that is slated to be done this summer. Ray has started talking to contractors.

7.2 Early Childhood Center is in progress. The team had a meeting today. Everyone is on the same page now and everything that needs to be submitted to the city and county has been submitted.

7.2.1 Father is still hoping to break ground by the end of April.

7.2.2 Supply chain issues may determine the completion date of the project.

7.2.3 Total fundraising is currently at 3.4 million fundraised. Father has several more meetings this week for this effort.

7.3 Father is questioning what extra may need to be done to hire teachers? Signing bonuses?

7.3.1 Teacher mentoring program was mentioned

7.3.2 Aaron mentioned that maybe a bonus could be used to help experienced teachers buy out their pension years to get them here.

7.3.2.1 It could be written as a 5-year forgivable loan for years taught.

7.4 The school has had 5 applicants for the principal's position.

7.4.1 Father has dismissed one application and one applicant that withdrew her application.

7.4.2 There are 3 others that Father has done a pre-formal interview over the phone and is hoping to schedule formal interviews for next week.

7.4.3 The ad will go out in South Dakota diocese and Fargo Diocese. It is also out in the Catholic Diocese nationwide and ND Educators websites.

- 8 The next school board meeting will be Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:30pm in O'Neill Hall.
- 9 Closing Prayer & Meeting Adjourned