

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Board Agenda
Tuesday, September 12th, 2023
4:30 pm-Conference Room

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

1.1. In Attendance: Father Eberle, Father Ben, Narcel Clark, Abbey Dahlberg, Matt Kohler, Kelsey Lee, Heidi Lee, Jonathon Westphal, Joan Zander, Sara Loomer, and Brandon Johnson

1.2. Absent: None

2. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

2.1. Motion to approve by Matt Kohler, 2nd by Jonathon Westphal. Motion carries.

3. Review of Financial Statements by Alex Kitchens

3.1. Tuition is broken down over 12 months and that's why it looks low.

3.2. On the 5530 lines it is broken down by the grade now that is new on the budget.

3.3. This budget reflects just the school budget now so preschool has been removed and is now a part of the Little Joes Budget.

4. Administrator's Report

4.1. Enrollment is at 171 students (K-6).

4.2. The technology (Wi-Fi) was improved last year, and things have been going well for the most part. There has been a little bit of difficulties with Wi-Fi in the 4th grade classroom, but the technician has been here working on it.

4.3. For in-service the staff participated in Alice Training and Math professional Development (3rd grade and up). There was a lot of good feedback from the staff on the Alice Training.

4.3.1. Mrs. Rachel is assisting the upper grades with Math instruction and things seem to be going better with the upper grade teachers teaching Math.

4.4. The Open house was held Tuesday before school started. Mrs. Clark held three different parent orientation meetings. There was good feedback from parents on the meetings.

4.5. The kids are currently completing STAR fall benchmark assessments.

4.5.1. There are some concerns in that data that is already being addressed.

4.5.2. There will be smaller groups being split apart to focus more on the skills of where each student is at.

4.5.3. Mrs. Clark is looking to hire another aide to help more with small group.

4.6. In-service this Friday will be focusing on additional Math training.

4.7. The teachers have formed committees for additional activities for kids to participate in such as student council, geography bee, book fair, etc.

4.8. Mrs. Clark is looking for alternative options to Scholastic as their materials are teaching things not appropriate for the school's mission.

4.8.1. One company being considered is Brave Books.

4.9. The school is desperate for substitute teachers.

4.9.1. Joan mentioned the rate at the public school for a sub is \$175/day and we may need to look at our rates to try to get more staff.

4.10. Mrs. Kalil is having to do some work for the public school in addition to St. Joes so she is only here in the afternoons to do Title work with the students.

4.11. Mrs. Clark is looking over the safety assessment.

4.11.1. Dakota Sound will give an assessment on a PA system for the school for safety.

4.11.2. The school received a grant from the C.F. Martell Foundation for around \$28,000 for some updates.

5. PTO Update by Krystal Schmidt

5.1. First PTO meeting is scheduled for this coming Monday, September 18th.

5.2. Last year the Race for Technology raised close to \$60,000.

5.3. The Chocolate Sales last years changed to the school only making 40% of the income rather than 50%. The PTO is considering other fundraising options.

5.4. There was a sign-up sheet for activities throughout the year. There was a good response of people signing up to help with the yearly events.

5.5. The PTO has some funds if anyone has ideas of things that the school may be needing.

5.5.1. Abbey mentioned that reading month/week activities used to be a big deal in the school and maybe that could be re-vamped.

6. Old Business

6.1. None

7. New Business

7.1. School board elections were held. Welcome our new school board member Sara Loomer.

7.2. Joan Zander was nominated by Abbey Dahlberg to be the secretary, second by Matt Kohler. Jonathon Westphal was nominated by Matt Kohler for President, and second by Brandon Johnson. Matt Kohler was nominated by Jonathon Westphal for Vice President, second by Abbey Dahlberg. All positions were approved.

7.3. The board decided to move the board meetings to Mondays to try to accommodate every ones schedules.

8. Pastor's Report

8.1. Little Joes

8.1.1. The fire inspection is tomorrow, and the health inspection has been completed.

8.1.2. All the background checks needed for licensing have been received. And 1st Aid and CPR training is completed.

8.1.3. The paperwork is all completed and ready to turn in after the fire inspection.

8.1.4. The director, Cheryl Mahnke, resigned from Little Joes and Julie Quamme was hired to take over.

8.1.5. The center is still needing a few lead teachers and aides.

9. Time and Date of Next Meeting

9.1. Monday, October 16th at 4:30p.

10. Closing Prayer & Adjournment