

## **School Board Meeting February 9, 2017**

**Members Present:** Megan Gehering, Jim Hepp, Laura Monti, Steve Williams, Jenni Young

**Other's Present:** Shannon Memory, Chris Smith, Cathy Dreyer, Vicki Borgman, Eileen Molulon, Fr. Kyle, Fr. Tim

### **Construction Update – Cathy Dreyer**

- Cathy discussed the rebates for the HVAC Units. She will know next week what we will get back in rebates. It could potentially be \$3,500-\$4,000.
- There have been two campaign meetings
  - David K is finalizing the list for the top gifts
  - The team is developing case statements to present to the school families, parishes and alumni
  - The team meets about every 3 weeks
- Next on list
  - Construction is on hold until there is more funding
  - Need to replace the rubber roof by next fall
- Steve asked how much are we saving/month
  - Gas bill – 1000 units lower than last year
  - Last month: \$1,700; Last year running: \$3,000

### **School Budget- Steve Williams**

- Looked at the two proposed budget scenarios: 2% and 3% raise for teachers
  - Both budgets would raise tuition by \$120 per student
  - The 3% raise proposal included additional funds from the parishes
- Cathy thinks that 414 students is a realistic number for next year
  - Open house was light this year. Catie called other schools and their open houses were light too.
  - Two new students registered already
  - 44 8<sup>th</sup> graders this year; 46 Kindergartners this year
- Spanish has a long term sub for the rest of the school year
- Need 2/3 members present to finalize the vote
  - 5 voted in favor of the 3% raise budget; this will increase tuition by \$120 per student
  - Steve will contact the absent board members to get their vote

### **Principal Report – Cathy Dreyer**

- The faculty will be discussing the pros/cons of trimesters at the next faculty meeting
- Open house was light this year (see comment above)
- Registration has started

### **Teacher Report – Chris Smith**

- Kindergarten celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school
- Thank you to PTO for the dinner on open house night
- Won 1 out of 3 volleyball games
  - Father Kyle needs volleyball socks
- 8<sup>TH</sup> grade vs parents game – new idea
- Conferences are next week
- Teachers continue to meet on committees to work on accreditation
- Lots of tour guides for open house; PTO supplied the cookies and refreshments

### **CRE Report- Eileen Molulon**

- Bible Bowl was last month at St. I's
  - Mr. Powers was the assistant
  - 3 person team so no subs
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place in final round!
- Pregnancy Center West presented the Chasity Program (includes theology of the body)
- Faith Families met during Catholic Schools Week; they wrote why they love St. John's and made some artwork to hang in the hallways for open house
- 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade took the ACRE test
- Catholic Identity team is working on accreditation
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade is working on fundraising ideas for the year
- K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade have a retreat on Ash Wednesday
- March 30<sup>th</sup> – 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat by the Net Ministry Team

### **Pastors**

- Lent is coming
- Packet is coming home
- It's good to bring children to some of the Lenten services

### **PTO – Shannon Memory**

- Mr. Powers went out of his way to support some of our young Blue Jays playing indoor soccer at soccer city
- PTO is looking into purchasing speakers and a projector for the school (these would be used for the PTO movie nights)
- 68 parents came to the last general membership meeting
  - Detective Mary talked about internet safety; there was great feedback on her presentation
  - Art Smith had students make cards inviting parents to the meeting

### **Finance – Steve Williams**

- Tuition is ahead
- Shopping cents is coming for resource development (red)
- Everything looks to be on track

### **Marketing – Steve Williams**

- Angela brought up idea to do follow up calls with potential preschool and kindergarten parents after open house
  - Someone mentioned that perhaps the tour guides could follow up with the family they have the tour too
- Shannon mentioned that we should include preschool in the mentoring program
  - Shannon is going to be organizing the mentoring program next year
  - Mentors need to be reminded to check in with their family throughout the year