

Meeting Minutes for 10/13/16

Approval of last meeting minutes

- Approved
- Al Grote has stepped down from the School Board

Past Business

- Voting of Capital Campaign Project
 - The number needed to start the project has gone up because some of the upgrades had to be moved up to the start of the project. The main issue is the electrical upgrade is that it needs to happen to make everything work properly. Electrical will be finished for the whole school.
 - Over the next 7 years it should pay for itself through energy costs. To fix the boiler we would be throwing away the money because it is not a guaranteed fix and it may only last one year.
 - Company has already put in the boiler without a contract. HVAC unit should be in by end of November. The 10 rooms that have no heat right now will have supplemental heat but it will not keep it at 70.
 - Project has been approved by the board.
 - Phase two will be cheaper now.
 - Original bid did not include the drawings and permits.
- New Business
 - New Constitution Binders
 - Last year the Constitution committee looked at different Constitutions and was able to downsize the Constitution.
 - Final stages to getting approved. It is in the hands of the lawyers. Both Pastors have signed off on the new Constitution.
 - Everyone on School Board needs to read it so they understand the goal and purpose of the School Board.
 - Capital Campaign and Detail/plans – it will be a great addition for the school. What will the campaign look like?
 - Silent campaign – started with a small number of families.
 - David Kissel will help us run the campaign
 - Customized approach because of the timing with the One Faith, One Hope campaign.
 - Need a committee in place to get the information out to the families of the three parishes.
 - The importance of what happens between the walls of the school needs to be the focus.

- Give the details of the project but does not focus on the boiler and window.
 - Need to reach out to people face to face as well and need to have people that can answer questions.
 - Letter in the mail is not going to get us where we need to be.
 - More people involved the better because that is the more people we can reach.
- When do we plan to roll this out to the parishes? January
- Want to reach out to the alumni as well as the current families and the current members of the parishes.
- It will be important to have the board participate in helping this get off the ground. Need as many positive ambassadors as possible to get this out to the community. Can't fall on the shoulders of 2-3 people.
- Does not just need to be the School Board, but it should start with the School Board and they can reach out people to join the committee.
 - Business managers from all three parishes, Mrs. Blum, Fr. Kyle and Fr. Tim will all be involved.
 - Jamie Christianson is interested in helping along with Shannon Memory and one other person.
- Three main groups:
 - School families
 - Idea would to have a grade level lead for each grade.
 - Parish members that do not have children at the school
 - Alumni
- Giving Tuesday – In November or early December it is a push to give money before the end of the year. Can we tie this into the start of our campaign?
- Key's to success
 - Leadership – we have a vision and we know what needs to be done.
 - Attitude – to know
 - Holy Spirit
- We need to send this downtown to get approved.
- Committee Reports
 - Principal's Report
 - Enrollment – steady, have not lost any students.
 - Teacher formal observations – started observations.
 - Fundraisers
 - Magazine Drive – successful. Over \$15,000.
 - Dine to donate – money will go towards the campaign this year.

- We will be doing dine to donate at different restaurants throughout the year. Chipotle will be next month.
 - Testing
 - Third grade reading guarantee – only affects ED Choice students. This will take place in November. They also have to take the IOWA F Test in early December. If they don't pass they will have to take the spring test.
 - School Mission Statement – teachers voted to keep the one we have, no changes. They are working on Belief Statements.
 - We will not lose any of the Ed Choice students.
- Teacher
 - Grandparents Day tomorrow.
 - Kids can go home with their special person.
 - 4-8 mass after Grandparents Day.
 - Accreditation
 - Parent survey will go out next week. School did not make up the questions, but they were able to add some questions.
 - Dibbles results are coming in soon.
 - Faith Families will meet and have a grill out in October 28th.
 - 8th graders are going to see Diary of Ann Frank (at McAuley) St. John's alum has one of the lead roles in the play. 8th graders read the book.
 - Lock down drill – yesterday.
- CRE
 - Catholic identity team
 - ACRE/IOWA's test results – last three years to find strengths and weaknesses.
 - All school rosary. 8th graders lead and learn the prayers and the devotion.
 - Bible Bowl – coming along – Jonathan is willing to help out.
 - Advent packets will be stuffed by the 8th graders.
- Pastors
 - Getting ready for Advent – it will be 4 full weeks since Christmas is on a Sunday. The first three Tuesdays of Advent there are prayer services that have light supper served beforehand.
- PTO
 - Ann Flick – talked about how to read test scores
 - More faculty than parents attended the meeting.
 - Want to send out a survey to find out why people are not attending the meetings.
 - 1st movie night – last Friday night
 - Cookie Dough Oct. 24th-Nov. 7th
 - Room Parents – all assigned and checks went out.
 - Opportunity to do a color run at our school

- Finance
 - Went through the Budget
- Marketing/Pub/Fund – None