

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 8th 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 100th 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
- 8TH 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
 - 2nd 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
- 5th-8th grade took the ACRE test
- Catholic Identity team is working on accreditation
- 8th grade is working on fundraising ideas for the year
- K and 1st grade have a retreat on Ash Wednesday
- March 30th – 6, 7 and 8th 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