

School Board Minutes

03/8/2022

Kara Hobgood, Jennifer Shultz, Chuck Brawner, Miranda Wantland, Fr. Jason, Lara Krill, Allyn Simpson, Melissa Miller, Tina Carraro, Kathy Wood, Christine Koenig, Theresa Hoefflin, Shannon Milliner

Sharing positive stories/celebration about our month.

Review and approval of minutes for January and February, approved.

Father Jason Harris present to present 10-year plan for St. Gabriel and ask for Feedback

- Playpark Rehab Project
- Ten-Year Master Plan (draft #6)

Parish/Staff Liaison: Pam Terwilliger finance officer. Theresa Hoefflin (parish accountant that will transition into Pam's role)

- New tuition rates set earlier (in Feb instead of March) this is due to financial aid through archdiocese
- Estimating increased enrollment for next year
- Archdiocese is asking for increased salaries for teacher and aides to retain best staff
- Archdiocese is also increasing portion of money for medical benefits for teachers
- Budgeted under 5% change of tuition from this year to next
- Miranda questions what percentage are parishioners and what are non parishioners and Pam answers that it is roughly 10% non parishioners
- 77% of families that applied for aid received it: 1/3 of our students received tuition assistance
- Bingo ministry supplies \$100,00 every year in St. Gabriel aid
- To apply you can go to FACTS and there is a financial aid application online. There is still time to apply. Go to catholic ed website to apply.

Principal's Report (see attached)

- There are 4 openings for School Board. Terms are up for Chuck, Christine, Shannon and Dolly. Will add an announcement in the Trumpet for anyone interested in School Board. Kate Temple manages the online interest form and Chuck B will call current interested candidates to ensure they are still interested. The tentative date to draw for new members will be April 24 at 10AM mass.
- There will be 4 Kindergarten classes this fall that will feed into 3 1st grade classes
- The guidelines for enrollment for next year will be that the younger classes will have a max class size of 25 for 1st-3rd grade, 27 for 4th-8th. 22 max in K.
- As of right now we are 17 students over budget with 11 non-Catholic Kindergarten applications.

- Laura asks if we want to expand the Roaring Good News' audience. Suggested to expand to LinkedIn, parish and possibly twitter.
- SEO (digital marketing) will be paused from April-June

SILENT AUCTION:

- Grossed \$9,687 with approximately \$1000 in expenses
- Gala to return next year as it is every other year

SCHOOL INITIATIVES:

- Lara is working to put them all in one place, there is a goal for each area
 - Identity: building awareness, service component
 - Instruction: increase student engagement, growth goals for teachers
 - Vitality: goal to increase enrollment by 15% by 2024, increase racial and ethnic diversity by 15% (has increased by 12% at present). Give students an opportunity to voice opinions (currently student council president attends school board meetings)
- Lara wants school board to help her with accountability for these initiatives
 - Is recommended to revisit periodically during meetings, maybe even give them exact dates to give progress reports
- School board may need to be educated on the accreditation process

COVID:

- Cases are decreasing, only 1 case in the last month

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Next meeting will be Tuesday April 12th at 6:30 pm

MAP :

- RIT scores can be compared across grade levels
- 65th percentile and above is goal
- The mean RIT score increased in every grade level year over year
- Math is focus for improvement and has been target for instructional improvement
- Language arts is highest achieving area

Considerations that play into scores:

- See principal's report

How are we helping the teachers and students close the gap?

- A professional development goal was to focus on helping every student reach their goals

- Put focus back on learning and not just completing class work. Engaging the students to be motivated to learn and not just check the box to get the grade.
- Faculty using “Teach Like a Pirate” teaching strategies.
- Junior High math was concern, but there has been a teacher change and this will hopefully help.
- College and Career readiness is to get every student to the 65th percentile

Students want to do something for Veteran’s Day: Kara would like to do some social media recognition. Red, White and Blue, Army Green dress down day to observe the holiday. Have someone come in to talk about experience in the military - Have done cards in the past for veterans. 4th grade did make veteran’s day cards for Father to give out at mass.

Father suggests a “dress Up” day to honor and recognize veterans on a Facebook live page.

Father states that the entire parish received a mailing for advent that included a survey for a 5-year plan for the campus.

- A paper survey and a QR code to complete survey will be included.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm