

St. Francis of Assisi Board of Education Meeting

December 10, 2015

In Attendance: Mike Waller, Lou Flori, Chris Jenkins, Stacey Dorsey, Lori Haigh, Maureen Berger, Michelle Foth, Bill Pierson

Administrators: Father Ray McHenry, Misty Hade, Jennifer Raes, Tammy Myers, Christen Cota, Deacon Bill Richer

Pastoral Council Liaison: Chris Doud

Call to Order – at 6:35 by Mike Waller

Prayer – Lori Haigh

Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Stacey Dorsey and seconded by Lori Haigh to approve the agenda. All in favor/none opposed. Agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes – completed electronically

Pastor's Report – *Fr. Ray*

- We will have a shortfall for the Annual Diocesan Appeal.
- The track is completed. They are finishing up fencing, and it will be ready for use in the spring. The dedication is tentatively planned for April.

Chairperson Report – *Mike Waller*

- The BOE holiday party is planned for 12/19.

Day School – *Misty Hade/Jennifer Raes*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- The day school has added four students since Thanksgiving: 1 first grader, 2 fourth graders, and 1 eighth grader.
- Iowa Assessment scores were shared. Results will be distributed to parents on 12/18/15.

Preschool – *Tammy Myers*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- One teacher will be absent until the end of January due to a surgery, and a long-term sub will be filling-in.

RE – *Christen Cota*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- RE students have turned in over 1000 Works of Mercy this school year.
- The middle school curriculum is being reviewed and may be changed for next year.
- Jess Streit is distributing cards with information about our Special Needs ministry to let parish members know what services are available.
- SFA will be hosting catechists from area parishes, as well as St. Francis day school and St. Francis preschool teachers, for a night of speakers and in-service education on 1/6/16. at 7:00 PM.

Youth Ministry – *Deacon Bill Richer*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- This year's NCYC was very powerful for the attendees.

Building and Grounds – *Jim Hoyt*

- The report was submitted electronically.

Finance – *Lou Flori/Lynn Ricke*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- The budgeting process is beginning, and budgets will be discussed at the BOE meeting on 1/14/16.

Home and School – *Stacey Dorsey*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- The Home and School is experiencing issues with receiving budget information in a timely manner.
- Coupon book sales brought in a profit of \$8010.

SIAC – *Lori Haigh*

- The SIAC parent survey questions were revised and will be sent out in January.

PPAC – *Stephanie Drey*

- The report was submitted electronically.

Pastoral Council – *Chris Doud*

- *Rediscovering Jesus* books will be distributed during Christmas masses.
- The Pastoral Planning process continues. The ad hoc committee has almost completed their work in communicating with groups

throughout the parish. The Pastoral Council will now be taking on a more central role in the process.

Old Business

- Visioning Process/Pastoral Planning
 - End of January—final reports will be submitted to Father by study groups and committees.
 - End of February—job descriptions for possible new staff positions will be created.
- 1:1 Chromebook Initiative
 - Discussion
 - An informational meeting was held, and approximately 50 parents attended.
 - Information is also available on the school website.
 - Funding is available for families that cannot cover the cost.
 - The feedback has been mostly positive.
 - The next consideration is securing fiber access for the school and funding it.
 - Bill Pierson made a motion to approve the 1:1 Chromebook Initiative for day school middle school students as set forth by the Parish-Wide Technology Committee effective in the fall of 2016. Michelle Foth seconded the motion. All in favor/none opposed.

New Business

- The Iowa School Choice coalition is proposing an initiative to provide funding for school choice, including private education. An information session will be held for families on the evening of January 13th in the St. Clare Room.

Executive Session

A motion was made at 8:55 PM by Chris Jenkins and seconded by Stacey Dorsey to enter Executive Session. All in favor/none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion was made at 10:00 by Stacey Dorsey and seconded by Lou Flori to exit Executive Session. All in favor/none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Bill Pierson and seconded by Chris Jenkins to approve the preschool budget pending an adjustment for final salary increase. All in favor/none opposed.

Closing Comments/Good of the Order

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Jenkins and seconded by Michelle Foth. All in favor/none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM.