

St. Francis of Assisi Board of Education Meeting

December 8, 2016

In Attendance: Stacey Dorsey, Chris Jenkins, Lori Haigh, Maureen Berger, Michelle Foth, Lynn Ricke, Dan McCoy, Todd Richard, Nicole Saegh

Administrators: Father Ray McHenry, Misty Hade, Jennifer Raes, Tammy Myers, Christen Cota, Deb Barry

Guests: Tom Chapman, Iowa Catholic Conference
Kayren Davidson, Home and School President

Call to Order – at 6:30 PM by Chris Jenkins

Prayer – Lori Haigh

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

Approval of Minutes – completed electronically

Guest Report – *Tom Chapman, Iowa Catholic Conference*

- Lobby for Catholic Church and Catholic schools.
- Top priority for the next legislative session is to pass Education Savings Account program.
- ESA is a State Funded Savings Account for parents choosing to not send their children to a public school.
- It is around \$6,000 per student, as determined by the bill.
- Money could be used for tuition or other expenses such as online classes or tutoring; this is much like open-enrollment that is happening in public schools.
- This would save the state money, and it would provide more money-per-pupil for public schools.
- Schools are encouraged to invite their legislators for tours/meetings and to host informative meetings for parents. Parents are asked to speak to their friends and neighbors about this issue.

Pastor's Report – *Fr. Ray*

- Currently \$45,000 short of the ADA assessment.
- Working on job descriptions, and they will be in a unified format. This will be completed in early 2017.

- The parish will be hiring a communications person and an administrative person. With additional staff, the office will need to be rearranged and reorganized. It will allow for staff members to work more cooperatively and efficiently.
- Considering a new body and possibly calling it a Council of Catechesis. The goal is to organize this prior to discernment in the spring.
- The Loyola Press Open Doors award will be presented to the parish during the 9:30 AM mass on Sunday, December 11th. This is for the SFA Special Needs Ministry.

Chairperson Report – *Chris Jenkins*

- No report.

Day School – *Misty Hade/Jennifer Raes*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- There was an on-site injury on 12/6. A student hit a fence post during recess, requiring stitches. The ambulance and firemen responded.
- Professional Learning—teachers examined data and met with AEA at the most recent Professional Development day.
- Using Go Guardian to help monitor/restrict students' Internet access.

Preschool – *Tammy Myers*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- The staff has been working on campus safety—addressing the need for parents to supervise their children at the beginning and end of the day.
- The preschool enrollment period for next year begins January 16, 2017.

RE – *Christen Cota*

- First Reconciliation was held, and there are 151 students in the sacrament class.
- On Sunday, along with the Loyola Open Doors award presentation, RE will be presenting a slide show and hosting coffee and donuts.
- RE students were able to attend mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception together, and it was a successful and meaningful experience.

Youth Ministry – *Deb Barry*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- Students have been participating in mission work to celebrate Advent. This has included visiting local shelters and making Christmas cookies for shelter residents.
- 9:30 Sunday mornings during Advent students are meeting to study the Liturgy.
- Still exploring possible destinations for the summer mission trip.
- It is recommended to change the Confirmation preparation program. The new program will be a more focused and intensive one-year program, with small groups.

Building and Grounds – *Todd Richard*

- The report was submitted electronically.

Home and School – *Stacey Dorsey*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- Next year's auction will be held on November 11, 2017.

SIAC – *Michelle Foth*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- The New Family/Kindergarten survey was reviewed, and recommendations were made for next year's survey. Teachers will be giving input on what feedback would help them to use the survey information effectively.
- Next meeting is January 11, 2017.

PPAC – *Nicole Saegh*

- The report was submitted electronically.

Building and Grounds–*Todd Richards*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- The air conditioner has been repaired.
- The storage area safety concern is being addressed by the Safety Committee.

Finance—Lynn Ricke and Dan McCoy

- The report was submitted electronically.
- The budgets will be prepared before the January meeting, and they will be approved at that time.

Technology—Bill Pierson

- The committee discussed the need for a new server and monitoring students' online activity through Go Guardian.

Pastoral Council – *Chris Doud*

- No report.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Confirmation Preparation--Maureen Berger moved to approve the new Confirmation preparation program as presented by Deb Barry during the Youth Ministry report. Nicole Saegh seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.
- Education Savings Account—
 - The Board of Education will coordinate a parent meeting on either January 11th or 18th. Tom Chapman will be asked to speak. Stacey Dorsey volunteered to head this up, and BOE members will help with communication.
 - Local legislators will be invited for a coffee talk and tour to showcase the day school.

Executive Session

A motion was made at 8:50 PM by Lynn Ricke and seconded by Dan McCoy to enter Executive Session. All in favor/none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion was made at 8:57 PM by Maureen Berger and seconded by Lori Haigh to exit Executive Session. All in favor/none opposed. Motion approved.

Closing Comments/Good of the Order

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Lynn Ricke and seconded by Dan McCoy. All in favor/none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.