

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

October 6, 2016

In Attendance: Dave Dirks, Chris Doud, Cassie Edgar, Anne Franzen, Gary Goodhall, Carolyn Kirchhoff, Molly Myers, Nikki Snyder, Laura Wenman, Fr. Andrew Windschitl

Absent: Fr. Ray McHenry, Garrett Hill, Larry Johnson

I. Opening Prayer: Prayer for Our Pastor - led by Chris Doud

II. Open Forum: No issues.

III. Approval of Agenda & Prior Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Gary Goodhall and Seconded by Anne Franzen: Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes made by Laura Wenman and Seconded by Gary Goodhall: Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Spotlight of the Month - Board of Education

- The Religious Education and Adult Faith formation may split from the School Board
- Day school enrollment is approximately 63-92 students per grade with a goal of 75 students per grade.
- The Dioceses is starting a tuition management system that will cost approximately \$35 per student each year.
- Middle school students have new Google Chrome books purchased by the students.
- The school's retention rate is strong and the Board is working on marketing strategies.
- Substitute teachers: There are concerns about the number of eligible/qualified substitute teachers with federal regulations changing.
- EDGE Program for 7-8th graders has received positive feedback.
- Preschool:
 - There are openings for preschool. Current enrollment is down from the previous school year.
- Religious Education:
 - Current enrollment is 548 students which is down from the previous school year.
 - There are 342 families enrolled in the Religious Education programs which is down from the previous school year.
- Youth Ministry:
 - There is a concerning decline of retention for students after they receive their confirmation. There are 127 youths in the 9th grade program, 123 youths in the 10th grade program and 12 in the 11th and 12th grade programs.

V. Next Liaison Spotlight

- Chris Doud will invite Deb Berry of the Youth Ministry program.

VI. Closing Prayer

VII. UPCOMING DATES:

- Next Meeting: November 3rd, 2016: 6:30pm
- Minutes submitted by Molly Myers