

\School Board Meeting November 21, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Principal Mike Kish opened the meeting with prayer

Attendance:

Kory Haywood – present – in at 7:10

Tammy Hoeflinger - absent

Lynetta Newton - present

Bob Wachtel – present

Megan Gilbreth – present

Katie Hrdlicka - present

Brad Nadziejko - present

Kit Timmons – absent

Ray Farley – present

Antoinette Kuhlman - present

Jean Swip – present - in at 7:07

Donna Frederick – present

Joyce Randal - present as Parents and Friends Rep.

Larry Stout – present as Parish Council Rep.

Cheyl Tolan – teacher representative

Father Carl - in at 7:34

AGENDA

*Opening Prayer: Catholic Education and Activities Center Prayer 010319

*Roll Call:

*Welcoming of Guests

*Approval of Minutes

Lynetta Newton advised that she cannot find October minutes. Board agrees that it does not appear that the October minutes were received. Will send with November minutes.

**Parents and Friends Report

- Joyce Randel provided the report.
- \$2,6000.00 was raised from the Square 1 Art fundraiser.
- The Craft Fair is on December 2. Each student is asked to contributed 3 dozen cookies for the cookie booth. Craft baskets are becoming popular at the craft fair and they are working on getting those together.
- Auction planning is underway – info coming out before the holidays.
- Trying to provide family and friends ways to help raise funds without spending their own funds – box tops, amazon smile and Shoperoo app. – competition for each grade level. Parents should know about this in the next week.
- Teacher Christmas collection – not discussed at November meeting. Needs to be addressed, Joyce will follow-up.

*Pastoral Council Report -- Larry Stout gave the report .

- Dioceses has reinvigorated the Spanish ministry. Council is discussing ways to implement Spanish ministry into our Parish.

- There are 15 million school age Catholic kids in the US , ½ are Hispanic
- Provided Mark Twain quote re: discovering the genius in people.

*Committee Discussion

- **Teacher/Employee Committee:** Lynetta will reach out to faculty regarding any concerns or questions they may have, but will put together a letter first to the committee.
 - Invite faculty to submit, in writing, any items of concern that they would like reviewed and for the board to consider. The start of a process that could be followed every year at the same time.
- **Development Committee:** Open house – January 28, 2018. Will have a light lunch after 11:00 Mass. School Board will be available to give tours as needed.
- **Curriculum Committee:** covered under Mr. Kish.
- **Athletic Committee:** Running club had a successful opening, 18 runners participated. Soccer meeting is being scheduled with Brian Boyd and the committee.
- **Budget Committee:** Keith Huels. Provided report – over 100 credit card payments on new system. People are still paying on Diamond Mind, still on website. Confusing to have 2 systems. Goal is to roll off Diamond Mind at start of year. - Will replace with link to new system on school website.
 - Past due families – need to get caught up by start of semester. 30 families that have not paid at all or only paid 1 month in band fees.
 - One non parishioner family that hasn't paid any tuition this year.
 - Will send out reminder letters – need to pay by start of school after break.
 - Proposal is that if there is an outstanding balance they can't start the new school year until paid.
 - Have offered a dollar for dollar match for payments made this year to certain families.
- **Discernment Committee:** Thanks for feedback from October meeting. Bob will type up official report from feedback. Look into welcome packet for new members and election of new officers. Will discuss at a later time after feedback is compiled.
- **Building/Grounds Committee:** CEAC – Mr. Kish says place is falling apart. Pump was replaced yesterday – thanks to Chris Thomas and Chris Sueme and Tinkers. Trying to get by with fixing just what we need. Less than 14 months until move date. Concrete for 1st wall is supposed to be poured tomorrow.

*Faculty Report – Mrs. Tolan

- 1st grade thanksgiving
- 7th grade is going to kindergarten for settlers' lunch
- Mix-it-up spin off at lunch – each day a little different
- Exams approaching – broken up before and after break
- 7th grade field trip to reenact Dred Scott case in courtroom where he got his freedom
National park ranger complimented the students
- Guest speakers – 2 exchange students from high school spoke to 7th and 8th grade. – said our school was the best they visited
 - o SIUC grad student Megan Tolan is coming in to run programs with PK, 3, 5, 6, 7th send out consent for participation in the studies. Brain exercise vs. Sticker program for rewards – studies rewards and consequences.. Monday and Fridays for the next 10 weeks.
- End of quarter is Jan 9. Exam schedule out next week.

*Principal's Report:

- Meet the teacher night before school starts for next year. Thursday before school starts. Will need to promote before the end of the school year.

- Parent-teacher conferences went well. Teachers sent reports as to how conferences went. Helps faculty fine-tune programs as necessary.
- Curriculum – IXL for Math and English – kids like better than Accelerated Math, has replaced Accelerated Math. Still needs fine-tuning on the parental side.
- Mrs. Lundy will be getting some help for school for counseling. Human Support Services will be helping out. They will be here 4 hours a week with Mrs. Lundy assisting – Title 1 funding will assist in funding, we will assume the balance with Parents and Friends assisting. Need for counseling services varies.
- We are still using Focus 5. Teachers who use it more have more control.
- Working on a reevaluation of My Students Progress. May be looking at another option for student management software.
- 5th grade took NCEA ACRE 1 test. Test is analyzed and material re-taught were weak answers---very specific sometimes and misinterpreted.
- Mr. Haake will perform at St. Louis Symphony on Feb 2.
- Queen of Hearts is still under discussion.
- Mrs. Lewis received grant for E-cyber mission. \$2,995.00.
- Requested \$500.00 from Touchstone Energy for maker lab
- Scholarship tax credit – done by judicial district. 8.22 million to our district. School district would have to be low performing to receive funds. Parents can go online to apply for individual grants by Jan 1. People can apply for tax credits and designate which school the funds would go to. We could require families to apply for this assistance before we can offer assistance.
Would only apply to people who pay tuition at our school

*Pastor's Report:

- Oct 17 and 19 – sent letter out to everyone who had received letter of intent and not returned it. Have received 17 responses totaling over \$70,000.00 in pledges. Committee is continuing to follow up
- Received a bequest in the amount of \$10,000 from former Associate Pastor Fr. Vito Lopardo who passed away in March.
- CEAC finance group met last night re: selling of bonds next winter/spring
- Building committee has been meeting to review bids from sub-contractors, on track budget wise.
- Implemented Chalice for Vocations program.
- Men's ACTS Jan 25-28 at Kings House
- Pastoral Council met with sub-group from Dupo to discuss proposed Mass schedule when we only have 1 priest for the parish. Still working out that plan.
- Continuing to work on a visit to St. Raymond's sometime this summer.
- Columbia senior site is now in the garden level – numbers have picked up a little, still do a lot of home delivery of meals.
- Parish Christmas party December 9, 2018. Doors open at 5:30, meal at 6:45 – parish party, not Knights of Columbus party.
- Going to make an effort to get all families to return stewardship form by January 7.

*Old Business – None

*New Business – None

*Closing Prayer at 8: 30 p.m. ---Executive Session followed