

St. Luke the Evangelist School Board Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2017

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the School Board was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at St Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church by President Licia Pettit.

Members present: Licia Pettit, Amy Thompson, Shawn Althaus, Kelly Royal, Katherine Rafferty and Dennelle Hogan

Member absent: Kayla Crann

Staff present: Tonya Eaton, Father Larry Hoffmann

Visitors present: Susan Battani, Susan Grebasch, Chad Schmitz

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Minutes approved prior to meeting

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved.

Technology

Susan Battani, kindergarten teacher at St. Luke's, gave a presentation of the school's current and potential technology practices in the classroom. The school's prevailing viewpoint on technology is that it needs to meet the 4 'C's: Critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity. If it isn't meeting those goals, no need to add technology to the lesson. Mrs. Battani demonstrated SeeSaw, a digital portfolio that can be used to show parents what is happening in the classroom. It can be used on iPads or Chromebooks. The kids create the videos that then can be shared privately with parents. The board watched a video of a student doing a math exercise. Hopefully all classes will be using this by next year. Mrs. Battani would like more iPads for the school. This spring's Bike Walk Run fundraiser is slated to help with technology expenses. The board discussed the importance of maintaining privacy and security for the students as well as what goals the school should have for technology. Do we want to use it occasionally as a tool or give it a broader presence? Is technology becoming too integrated in elementary education to student's detriment or is it necessary for our digital world?

Reports

Finance

Our income is comfortably above our expenses and the school is in solid financial shape.

Budget

We are waiting for the Prairie Meadows grant. The budget is ready to be presented to Finance Council this week. The amount subsidized by the parish is less than all prior years.

Phase II

Requests for Proposals have gone out to architects. A letter will be going out parish-wide once there is a timeline established. It was proposed at the Phase II meeting that a portable classroom be purchased. It was also proposed that a portable classroom be purchased for use as a pre-kindergarten room. The Phase II Committee will do a needs assessment. The current capitol campaign ends in June of 2018. The Phase II Committee needs to have their proposals ready before then, with the proposals from the architects completed and a clear goal in mind.

FSA

Susan Grebasch attended on behalf of the Family School Association. The Green Gala raised a total of \$26,000. The FSA will fund a speaker to present a classroom program, as well as a parents program, on nutrition. It will include learning to make some nutritious foods and the parent program will educate on good choices for cold lunch. The Bike Walk Run event is being planned. Letters have gone out to sponsors and the registration will be online this year. It will be held the Sunday before the last day of school each year. FSA hopes to get a year-round spiritwear website set up. The FSA is planning to increase parent volunteerism by assigning grades to larger projects, for example, 2nd grade families will always plan the Green Gala, etc.

Marketing

A subcommittee of parents and board members is being formed. Kelly Royal will help with this. This subcommittee will have monthly meetings and formulate a marketing strategy for the school. Parent Chrissy Eberhart has been contacted and agrees to head this effort.

Discussion Items

School Calendar

The proposed calendar was presented and approved. The school start date will be August 23rd 2017.

Dress Code for teacher's handbook

Changes were motioned and approved.

Student Code of Conduct

Changes motioned and approved

Academic Grading Principles and Guidelines

Changes motioned and approved

Future Voting Items

Whole grade and subject acceleration, daily processes, governing board policies and altering our meeting date and time.

Next Meeting

Next regular meeting is scheduled for April 25th at 7pm.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Margery Pierce