

SAINT MARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 13, 2015

Members in Attendance: Nikki Raftery, Paula Erickson, Jeanne Coogan, Teresa Li, Marietta Bufalino-Devitt, Lacey Rust, Bob Gutierrez, Jason Miller, Barb Elder, Kathleen Byrd, Father Dan, Michael Perry

Members Absent: David Schwabe

Others in Attendance: Jeremy Puent

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Paula Erickson at 7:10 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Barb Elder gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the March 16 meeting had been previously reviewed electronically, approved and posted on the school web site.

Visitors' Comments:

- None

Pastor's Report:

- Father Dan noted that one of his goals for the upcoming year is to focus on Catholic family development – how to pass on faith to your children, as an example, in an environment where there is a lot of pressure and distractions to family life. He discussed creating a committee to develop ideas on how the parish can help foster this goal.
- The new 5:00 pm Sunday Mass is going OK. Weekly attendance has been approximately 200. This trial time will likely continue for a year. Help is needed with the various ministries at this Mass.

Principal's Report:

- The Early Childhood learning community participated in the “Week of the Young Child” from 4/13 – 4/17, using several activities from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).
- The School calendar for the 2015-2016 school year has been posted on the school's website.
- Currently 368 students are enrolled for the 2015-2016 school year.
- The 6th graders were at Camp Ed's last week during the bad storms. Communication to the parents during this time was excellent as both phone calls and emails were utilized.

- We will be partnering with the Peggy Notebaert Nature museum for staff development program. We had intended to do this last year, but due to a change in their teaching staff, this did not occur. A professional staff development day for the St. Mary staff is scheduled for 4/24. The morning will be focused on inquiry based instruction – cross content, for all teachers, and the afternoon is intended for Science teachers and focused on next generation Science standards.
- The St. Mary cast of the Little Mermaid will be performing songs from the play for the residents of Addolorata Villa on 4/23.
- May crowning and the 8th grade ribbon ceremony will be by 5/1.
- The final round of this year’s benchmark testing for St. Mary students will be held during the weeks of 5/3 and 5/10.

President’s Report:

- N/A

New Business:

- N/A

Old Business:

- The State of the School meeting is scheduled for April 27 @ 7:00. The meeting’s theme will focus on the Blue Ribbon
- We will have the Terra Nova results to share at the meeting.
- Additionally, the newly hired school social worker will be introduced at the meeting.
- The new School Mission statement will be distributed to the parents at the meeting.
- We are still waiting on Buffalo Grove approval for the new Blue Ribbon sign which will be on the side of the Activity Center (facing Lake Cook Road).
- Two new Board members are needed for the 2015-2016 school year. Paula will mention this at the State of the School meeting. Interested candidates should let Paula know by April 30.

Liaison Committee Reports:

- **Financial Report**
 - No report
- **FSO:**
 - FSO is discussing ways to increase the fellowship and camaraderie between the school and non-school families in the Parish. This theme seems to tie closely to Father Dan’s goal of Catholic family development.
 - The annual move-a-thon is back to a walk-a-thon this year, and will be held on May 15.

- **SMAA**
 - Erin Delaney Schiman will be replacing Casey Lynde as Athletic Director. Casey will continue his teaching responsibilities as St. Mary.

- **Jingle Jubilee**
 - No report

Closing Prayer: Barb Elder gave the closing prayer.

Motion to Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 12, 2015