

SAINT MARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 12, 2016

Members in Attendance: Kim Schaeffges, Ed Michalski, Nikki Raftery, Teresa Li, Bob Gutierrez, Jeanne Coogan, Sharon Edwards, Michael Perry, Fr. Dan Whiteside, Laura Robinson, Lacey Rust

Members Absent: Marietta Bufalino-Devitt, Donna Jones

Others in Attendance: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Teresa Li at 7:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Bob Gutierrez gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: N/A

Visitors' Comments: None

Pastor's Report:

We are busy preparing for Christmas.

The Cardinal's Renew My Parish program will slow down a bit to ensure that the program is received well within the Archdiocesan parishes. The Archdiocese will be starting the program with parishes that are struggling most. We are still paired with St. Edna's, St. James and Our Lady of the Wayside and will include very long range planning. As an example, we are working together to provide Advent Reconciliation services by offering different service times at each parish.

Principal's Report:

The Jingle Jubilee profits were just over \$90,000. This year we had a lot of new and younger families in attendance.

We will plan a mock tour of the school to prep for the open house at next school board meeting.

Lessons and Carols is next week and the last day of school before break is 12/21.

President's Report:

None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Social Media Policy
 - The school board will write up a policy to align non-employee leadership and employees to provide guidelines on the appropriate usage of social media and communication as a representative of the school. It will outline how we act and carry ourselves in public as it is a reflection of the school.
- School Update
 - Father Dan announced that Nikki Raftery will be leaving her position as Principal at the end of the school year. Father Dan and Teresa Li are currently assembling a search committee of school board members and faculty to evaluate candidates and hire a new Principal. We hope to have a replacement in place in the next few months.
- Cheerleading
 - Cheerleading has been gone for a while at St. Mary's due to lack of interest and the elimination of the football program. Nikki will ask the SMAA board to consider re-establishing a cheerleading program for the basketball season. If there is enough interest, it's possible competitive cheerleading could also be re-established.
- Speech services
 - As the Title funds from the state are limited and many of our students who could benefit from speech services do not qualify for District provided speech because it doesn't affect their reading or writing, we will investigate re-establishing our relationship with Mobile Therapy Center. Mobile Therapy Center, based out of Libertyville, provides private speech services to students on our campus. These services do require an out-of-pocket fee from the families whose students receive these benefits.

Liaison Committee Reports:

- **Financial Report**
 - No report
- **FSO:**
 - No report
- **SMAA**
 - No report

- **Jingle Jubilee**
 - No report

Closing Prayer: Bob Gutierrez gave the closing prayer.

Motion to Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2017