

SAINT MARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 9, 2015

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

Members Absent: Barb Elder Kathleen Byrd

Others in Attendance: Jeremy Puent

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Paula Erickson at 7:03 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Teresa Li gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the January 5 meeting had been previously reviewed electronically, approved and posted on the school web site.

Visitors' Comments:

- None

Pastor's Report:

- During the week of February 22, a Labyrinth will be set up in the Church.
- Father Denis will be leading the Parish Mission from March 1-3. He will be offering both day and evening sessions.
- The Festival of Forgiveness will be held during a 24 hour period on February 27 & 28.
- A new cleaning company has been hired and will begin March 1. The new 4 person crew will handle cleaning for the school, gym and rectory.
- Father Denis will return to the Parish Sunday, February 15. He has spent the last 6 weeks assisting a parish in Indiana.

Principal's Report:

- The January 25 Open house was a success. Both 4 year old pre-school's rooms, and one of the 3 year old pre-school rooms are already at capacity for the 2015-2016 school year. Due to strong interest in our pre-school program, a mixed age, 3&4 year old pre-school room, will be added for the next school year.
- February 17 will be the annual Mardi Gras celebration with St. Mary school and staff members, and other adults competing against the 8th grade boys Basketball Team, and the 8th grade girls Volleyball Team.
- February 20 is the end of the trimester, and February 27 will be honor roll.

- The Father-Daughter dance is scheduled for February 21.
- Graduation will be on May 30.
- The pre-schooler's and their mass mates recently participated in a "mini-mass", officiated by Father Dan. It was very successful, and will be scheduled monthly through the end of this school year.
- Terra Nova tests for grades 3-7 will be held the first week in March. The Archdiocese is currently looking to replace the Terra Nova's next year with a test that is more challenging, and better aligned to the standards we're striving to achieve. The Aspire test is being looked at as a possible replacement. The public schools currently take the PARCC exam, but the state does not make this exam available to private schools at the present time.
- Prospective new families will be invited, as they were last year, to attend the upcoming St. Mary school musical.
- Plans are being made for a permanent Blue Ribbon award sign to be added to the outside of the Activity center. A zoning variance will be required from the Village of Buffalo Grove.

President's Report:

- The Fashion Show will be held on April 18 @ 11:00 at the Cotillion in Palatine.

New Business:

- The State of the School presentation is scheduled for April 27. Any Board member that would like to be part of the presentation should let Paula know.

Old Business:

- Four new Board members are needed for the 2015-2016 school year. Please let Paula know if you know anyone who might be interested.

Liaison Committee Reports:

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

Closing Prayer: Teresa Li gave the closing prayer.

Motion to Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 9, 2015