

SAINT MARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 14, 2016

Members in Attendance: Marietta Bufalino-Devitt, Jeanne Coogan, Sharon Edwards, Bob Gutierrez, Teresa Li, , Jason Miller, Michael Perry, Nikki Raftery, Laura Robinson and Lacey Rust

Members Absent: Barb Elder and Father Dan

Others in Attendance: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Teresa Li at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Bob Gutierrez gave the opening prayer

Approval of Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the February 8th meeting were approved at the meeting and are posted on the school web site

Visitors' Comments:

- N/A

Pastor's Report:

- Father Dan and Lacey Rust attended the Archdiocese Parish Vitality meeting
 - Three options for discussion included: 1) parish closure; 2) one pastor over multiple parishes; or 3) consolidated administrative function for multiple parishes, with each parish retaining their own parish staff
 - Discussion of how to keep families coming back to Church, with focus on youth ministry given 75% of people who leave the Church do so before the age of 21
- Youth Ministry position remains open

Principal's Report:

- The school is evaluating a new religious education series, with a stronger family connection
 - Parent and teacher survey administered in the fall showed a need for more support around faith formation
 - The preschoolers use a program called "Seeds" that is well received with teachers and parents. The thought is to have a similar interactive program for the grade school as well.
- State of the School is scheduled for April 25th
 - Given the timing of the Aspire tests, standardized scores will likely not be available for the meeting
 - Datawise work will be presented along with the finance update
 - Attendees discussed other topics, such as Service Day and other opportunities for promoting volunteerism

- Enrollment for 2016-2017 school year is currently at 392, compared to 425 included in the plan. Strong retention rates are being experienced in the grade school levels.

President's Report:

- A School Board Succession Plan was circulated for discussion

New Business:

- Jason Miller announced that he will be rolling off the School Board at the end of the year.

Old Business:

- N/A

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 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2016