

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

Members in Attendance: Kim Schaeffges, Ed Michalski, Marietta Bufalino-Devitt, Nikki Raftery, Teresa Li, Donna Jones, Laura Robinson, Michael Perry, Bob Gutierrez, Jeanne Coogan, Lacey Rust, Sharon Edwards

Members Absent: Fr. Dan Whiteside

Others in Attendance: None

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

Opening Prayer: Lacey Rust gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: N/A

Visitors' Comments: None

Pastor's Report:

No report

Principal's Report:

Jingle was a fun and successful evening. Numbers are not available yet, but should be in the next few days. Attendance numbers were similar to the previous year but included many new younger families.

There will be a lockdown drill tomorrow (11/15). This will be the 1st one of the year. It will be announced to the students prior to the drill.

On the 18th of November, the school will have Mass, as well as announce the Honor Roll and PeaceKeepers. The students have been making red paper chains to mark the elevation of Archbishop Cupich to Cardinal. The paper chains will be used to create a cross in the early childhood hallway. Dr. Rigg will also be coming to the school to do a school tour/official visit.

The 21st is a half day and the school will attend an all school field trip to see the Disney movie Queen of Katwe. This is a movie about being the best version of yourself throughout your life.

Chris and Jimmy Kim, owners of the More than SAT company, are educators that have been formally involved with the school. Their company differs from tutoring centers such as Sylvan,

Huntington, and Kumon because they focus on the whole learner rather than drill and practice. Over the past few years, they have been researching and working to optimize blended learning initiatives, which is part web-based learning and part in-person coaching.

The Kim's have purchased the Digital Advanced Learning system from Stanford University and have layered in instructional coaching. They would like to partner with SMS to incorporate this program into the school curriculum in grades 2-8. To date, the program's focus is math and writing. The initial phase would offer this program to SMS families of 2nd – 8th graders through an afterschool program from January - May. This program will be run similarly to the chess and robotics clubs. SMS would provide info on the current skills of these students and they would start the program with coaches (1-6 ratio). This phase would include a fee for participating families.

SMS staff will also match students participating in the program with students of similar skill sets not participating to compare Aspire test results and analyze the success of the program. If successful, the next phase will be to roll out the program as part of the regular curriculum in the next school year. To accommodate the program as part of the regular curriculum, teachers will be trained to be instructional coaches.

President's Report:

No report

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Liaison Committee Reports:

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

Closing Prayer: Lacey Rust gave the closing prayer.

Motion to Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2016