

**SAINT MARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 12, 2016**

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

**Members Absent:** Ed Michalski, Marietta Bufalino-Devitt, Donna Jones

**Others in Attendance:** None

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Teresa Li at 6:35 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Jeanne Coogan gave the opening prayer.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** N/A

**Visitors' Comments:** None

**Pastor's Report:**

The Church roof is done except for steeple. It is expected to take 4 weeks to complete.

The Archdioceses is starting a new program, Renew My Church, which aims to look at bringing a vibrant source of faith to our communities in the future. Parishes will be grouped together and led by a committee from all parishes to realistically and creatively plan for various models of church. St. Mary's is currently grouped with St. Edna's, St. James and Our Lady of the Wayside.

**Principal's Report:**

The Aspire test results have been evaluated and identified, both at a grade level and schoolwide, areas which need more instructional focus. In reading, the teaching staff will be focusing on the integration of knowledge and ideas. In math, the focus will be on mathematical modeling. St. Mary teachers have been working in both horizontal (grade level) and vertical (subject level) bands to evaluate current teaching practices. Later this week, they will present ideas for changes to teaching practice to help students in these specific focus areas.

Writing is a new area to be tested in a standardized testing format. Historically, the 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade has had a strong focus on writing and the Aspire scores reflect this. However, now writing skills will be a larger focus in the younger grades, starting with the preschool.

The individual student predictor score, in many cases indicates a decline in score for next year.

This algorithm is based on the percentage of subset questions asked from year to year and is highly disclaimed that it is based on if nothing changes instructionally for this student.

**President's Report:**

The State of School is 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This year's school theme is "You are the Light of the World". The next school board meeting will be moved from October 17<sup>th</sup> to October 24<sup>th</sup> to accommodate scheduling conflicts.

**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:** Jeanne Coogan gave the closing prayer.

**Motion to Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** October 24, 2016