

St. Joseph School Board Meeting

April 19, 2023 6:30 P.M. (in Classroom)

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Meeting called to order by President Joel Hoffman at 6:30 P.M, and begins with an opening prayer.

II. Roll call

Present: Joel Hoffman, Doug Klein, Susan Craft, Elizabeth Thelen, Kellie Antes, Autumn Spitzley, Ericka Piggott, Erin Kowatch, Joel Hoffman and Nick Lawless

Absent: Ron Simon and Aaron Schneider

Guests: Ryan Weber, Kerri Hafner, Jenna Thelen, Brie Henning, Beth Thelen, Nickie Wentworth, Dave Faber, Gina Nowland

III. Communications

Dave Faber presents a video on the process of the strategic plan for the Diocese. The video highlights the successes of the 5 year plan, now in its 5th year. Also the video highlights the process of creating a new plan for the coming years. Mr. Faber commented on how the plan has been a success for the diocese with enrollment in schools being up.

IV. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda is made by Susan Craft seconded by Erin Kowatch.

V. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve March minutes is made by Autumn Spitzley and seconded by Ericka Piggott.

VI. Communications

Kerri Hafner commented on how the school year is wrapping up. Kerri also commented on the enrollment for the coming year. There are 11 signed up for young five for the coming school year (8 of which will become St. Joes students). Twelve students will be attending St. Joes in the fall.

Gina Nowland (2nd and 3rd grade teacher) comments on how her classes are doing a lot of project based learning. Gina talked about the World War I project that they are currently working on.

Beth Thelen (young five teacher/4th and 5th Religion) commented on how her class has gotten through all the letters of the alphabet. Beth commented on how it is very rewarding to see the confidence growth of students through the school year.

Jenna Thelen (4th and 5th grader teacher) comments on how she is teaching leadership in her classroom. She comments on how her science classes are learning through hands-on activities. Brei Henning (1st grade teacher) comments on how her class is focusing on “how to become a saint” Her students are excelling in math facts and reading. Brei comments on how students are so good at building each other up instead of trying to compete beyond each other.

VII. Principal’s Report

Ryan Weber presented the Principal’s Report. Ryan provided a copy of the report to all board members.

VIII. Business Action Items

- A. None

IX. Business New

- A. Kellie Antes comments on the progress of the strategic plan. 81 people participated in the school survey. In doing some analysis it was found that opinions were common throughout age groups. The committee is working on the communication to families through the bulletin on the survey results. The next step in the process is to conduct environment workshops. The survey was one part of the process of giving input, and the workshops will provide more input.
- B. Susan Craft has a list of people that need to be contacted who have not rebought their School Raffle tickets. Board members divide up the list of people to contact to see if they will renew.

X. Committee Reports

Executive Committee: none

Marketing Committee: none

Development Committee: none

XI. Suggested Items for Next Month’s Meeting

- A. DOGR survey needs to be completed
- B. update on School Raffle

XII. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, May 17th 2023 @ 6:30 pm – In Classroom

XIII. Closing Prayer

Joel Hoffman closes the meeting with a prayer

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Autumn Spitzley and seconded by Ericka Piggott at 8:15