

St. Joseph School Board Meeting

January 17th, 2024 6:30 P.M. (In School Classroom)

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Meeting called to order by Kellie Antes at 6:30 P.M, and begins with an opening prayer.

II. Roll call

Present: Susan Craft, Kellie Antes, Erin Kowatch, Joel Hoffman, Doug Klein, Ericka Piggott, Autumn Spitzley, Ron Simon, Aaron Schneider, Nick Lawless, Alyssa Frechen, Nick Frechen, Rick Stump and Michelle Schafer

Absent: Elizabeth Thelen

Guests: Principal Ryan Weber

III. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda is made by Susan Craft and seconded by Autumn Spitzley .

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the December minutes is made by Aaron Schneider and seconded by Autumn Spitzley.

V. Public Comments

None

VI. Principal's Report

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

Some key points:

- School Calendar - The calendar has been approved by the Diocese of Grand Rapids Superintendent. - Copy provided
- 31aa - Update
 - a. Received this today: "Your application has been reviewed. That is the last step before we go through with our finance consultant to approve."
- NWEA MAPS Assessments (January 8 - February 2)
 - a. This is the first time we are taking the winter assessments. We wanted another data point to help better understand where the students are and how they are progressing. This will be analyzed by myself and teachers to see if it is something we will continue.
- NWEA ACRE -
 - a. This assessment is for the 5th and 8th graders. It gives us data on how well the students are doing in the area of our faith.
- Snow Days

- a. 1 - No Water Day due to construction
- b. 3 - Snow Days
- Student Happenings
 - a. Advent Program- seemed to be another great success.
 - b. Christmas Movie Fundraiser- We raised over \$250 to go to a local family in need.
 - c. Catholic Schools Week (January 29-February 2)
- Century Club- January 27.
- Fund-A-Need- After talking with Father we have decided to put the fund-a-need toward the staff of St. Joseph School. We have been blessed to work on other school projects through GRANTS and donations.
 - i. Technology, School Safety, School Improvement
 - ii. Teachers are the driving force behind any school, but especially St. Joseph School. I want to make sure that they are taken care of the best we can and these funds will help cover wages and benefits.
- Bussing for 2023-2024 - Concern again about enough drivers.
 - o No new communications at this time.
- Young 5 and Kindergarten Roundup.
- Teacher Professional Development: March 3 in Grand Rapids.
- ACRE Testing for 5th and 8th grade will begin after Spring Break.

VII. Business Action Items

- A. A recommended tuition increase is presented by the Finance Committee on Ron Simon, Aaron Schneider and Susan Craft. The proposed increases are summarized below...
 - 1 student increase from \$2,722 to \$2,800, a 2.87% increase
 - 2 student increases from \$4,222 to \$4350, a 3.03% increase
 - 3 students increases from \$4,972 to \$5,350, a 7.6% increase
 - 4 students increases from \$5,186 to \$5,850, a 12.8% increase
 The board has a thorough discussion on the details of the proposed increase. A vote to accept the proposed increases passes unanimously.

IX. Business New

- A. All members introduce themselves as this is the first meeting for four new members.
- B. Verify Roster Info – Kellie Antes goes over the committee assignment for current members. New members have looked into their committee assignments. Rick Stump will be on the Board Members Committee, Nick Frechen on Buildings and Grounds, Alyssa Huhn on Marketing and Communications, and Michelle Schafer is working on the assessment to guide her to a committee.

X. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee: None
- B. Marketing Committee: None
- C. Development Committee: None.
- D. Strategic Planning: None.

XI. Suggested Items for Next Month's Meeting

- A. Budget updates based on the tuition increase.

XII. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, February 21st, 2024 @ 6:30 pm – In Classroom

XIII. Closing Prayer

Kellie Antes closes the meeting with a prayer

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting is made by Joel Hoffman and seconded by Susan Craft at 7:40 pm.