

## St. Joseph School Board Meeting

October 18, 2023 7:30 P.M. (Middle School Classroom)

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### **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, Aaron Schneider, Ron Simon, Elizabeth Thelen, and Joel Hoffman

Absent: Nick Lawless, Ericka Piggott, Autumn Spitzley, and Doug Klein

Guests: Principal Ryan Weber

### **III. Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda is made by Erin Kowatch and seconded by Joel Hoffman.

### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the September minutes is made by Aaron Schneider and seconded by Ron Simon.

### **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:

- Mr. Weber commented on some security upgrades that were happening today (10/18). Additional security cameras are being placed. For example, all the gym can be viewed when previously, only half was visible. This money came from Grant 97.
- St. Joseph has summited \$74,000 worth of material through EANS funding. Materials include technology (Chromebooks), curriculum, and professional development. In addition, software (go guardian) for student online safety.
- Current enrollment for the 23-24 year is 105 (Y5-8)
- Arrival and dismissal changes have gone smoothly. The U drive has been resurfaced with gravel to provide parking for parents who wish to walk their children into the school.
- There is a U of M vs. MSU fundraiser for Haiti. There will be tailgating activities following noon mass.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade organized trip for March for Life.
- Haunted Barn from Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> organized by the Droste family. All donations go toward the school.
- Service project involving neighborhood leaf raking.

- Mrs. Catherine Weber, school music director, would like to implement the student choir at weekend masses, periodically.
- Advent program will be held Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

#### **VII. Business Action Items**

- A. School board member nomination approvals were discussed. The board is working toward improving the diocesan goal of 60% of the board being non-St. Joseph school parents.
- B. Ron Simon gave an update on enrollment trends after an analysis. Included in the analysis was a summary of operations and details of other income and expenses. Additionally, enrollment trends were analyzed over a ten-year period dating back to the 2012-2013 school. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment was identified as area of need. Additional marketing and targeting of different demographics are being explored.
- C. Strategic planning map was introduced by Kellie Antes. There are five goal dates for various upcoming events.

#### **IX. Business New**

- A. None

#### **X. Committee Reports**

- A. Executive Committee: None
- B. Marketing Committee: Autumn Spitzley indicates that apparel orders will close on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.
- C. Development Committee: None
- D. Strategic Planning: Update was given during business action items.

#### **XI. Suggested Items for Next Month's Meeting**

- A. None

#### **XII. Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ 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 Susan Craft and seconded by Aaron Schneider at 7:52 pm.