

St. Joseph School Board Meeting

May 15th, 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: Kellie Antes, Susan Craft, Nick Frechen, Erin Kowatch, Rick Stump, Michelle Schafer, Ron Simon, Alyssa Frechen, and Ericka Piggott

Absent: Nick Lawless, Joel Hoffman, Doug Klein, Aaron Schneider, and Autumn Spitzley

Guests: Leah Kramer, Mike Kramer and Principal Ryan Weber

III. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda is made by Erin Kowatch and seconded by Ron Simon.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the April minutes is made by Michelle Schafer and seconded by Rick Stump.

V. Public Comments

Mike and Leah Kramer share updates on the St. Joseph School Raffle. Ticket renewal forms have been mailed out to last year's ticket holders for the raffle beginning on May 21, 2024. School Board members will assist with following-up on forms that have not yet been returned. A procedure is established and shared amongst members.

VI. Principal's Report

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

- A. Student Happenings
 - a. 8th graders have attended a class trip, bowling with CC RESA, golfing and lunch with class
 - b. Diocese of Grand Rapids Art Show- Bishop loved St. Joseph School Saint portraits
 - c. 4th/5th grade visited 8th Circuit Court Judge Suzanne Hoseth-Kreeger and held mock trial
- B. Middle School Update: Visit to P-W was yesterday
- C. NWEA Assessment Window is Complete - the board reviewed results
- D. Tutoring - after school tutoring continues to go well
- E. P-W Senior Walk takes place tomorrow where the P-W 12th grade will visit the elementary schools and speak to students
- F. Band Update - unable to receive band at St. Joseph School next year due to numbers but remains an option for future years.
- G. School Bathroom Updates discussed - see committee breakdown notes

- H. Father Darrel stated Young 5 parent's do not need to be counted towards School Board parent count due to differences in Young 5 vs. traditional St. Joseph School student

VII. Business Action Items

- A. Homeschool Hybrid Option Update - Michelle Schafer has reached out to several families who homeschool and surveyed their interest in a hybrid option. She presented the results to the school board. Michelle states there are options to establish and grow relationships and could begin with a particular need like sports and/or other school offerings.

IX. Business New

- A. School Board Term Renewal - Kellie Antes - renewing for 3 years, Aaron Schneider - renewing for 3 years, Ron Simon - renewing for 3 years, Autumn Spitzley - not renewing
- B. Proposed slate of officers for upcoming year - discussed interest in officer roles for next year. Kellie Antes is interested in continuing role as President. Aaron Schneider is interested in continuing role as Vice President. Ericka Piggott is interested in the role of Secretary. A vote will take place at the June meeting.
- C. Board Evaluation: Operational Vitality Survey - Board completed survey
- D. Fall Summit Date - make note that the next Diocese Summit date is November 6, 2024.
- E. 2024-2025 School Board Calendar - a draft of the school board meeting dates were shared with the board. There does not appear to be any conflicts or need to change dates at this time. Will finalize the letter to share with school families and put dates online at the beginning of next school year.

X. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee: none
- B. Marketing Committee: Working on spending the remainder of the marketing funds.
- C. Development Committee: A meeting will be held between Building and Grounds Committee, Mr. Weber, and Father Darrel to discuss possible improvements to the school bathrooms.
- D. Strategic Planning: Getting closer to completion. Have sent a list of priorities to Father Darrel and Mr. Weber

XI. Suggested Items for Next Month's Meeting

- A. Vote for Officers

XII. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, June 19, 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 Erin Kowatch and seconded by Rick Stump at 8:00 pm.