

St. Joseph School Board Meeting

November 20, 2024 6:30 P.M. (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: Rick Stump, Erin Kowatch, Kellie Antes, Aaron Schneider, Alyssa Frechen, Ron Simon, Michelle Schafer, Ericka Piggott, Nick Frechen

Absent: None

Guests: Gina Nowland, Ryan Weber

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the October minutes is made by Rick Stump and seconded by Alyssa Huhn.

V. Public Comments

None

VI. Miss Gina Nowland's Pilgrimage

Miss Nowland gave a presentation on her pilgrimage to Greece where she was able to see and learn about the life of St. Paul. Miss Nowland's pilgrimage required some time away from teaching this fall and now she is sharing with students and community members what she experienced, saw, and learned. Miss Nowland gave an insightful PowerPoint presentation with pictures and historical details on the life of St. Paul. She also brought in and taught about sacred art and relics. It was clear that Miss Nowland kept in mind the students at St. Joseph School while she was on her trip. The school board thanks Miss Nowland for taking the time to share about her impactful pilgrimage to Greece.

VII. Principal's Report

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

- A. School bathrooms - bathroom cabinet and countertop colors have been selected.
- B. Grant 152b has been reimbursed. 31aa continues to be a work in progress. Grant for a drinking fountain has been submitted.
- C. Mr. Weber gave enrollment projections for the 25/26 school year.
- D. The 5/6 grade boys basketball team is having a good season and is currently undefeated.
- E. UofM vs MSU fundraiser for Zion Food Pantry raised over \$1000.
- F. Haunted Barn was a success this year. Thank you to the Droste family for putting this on.
- G. Neighborhood leaf raking was well timed and helpful to community members.
- H. K of C Spelling Bee is 11/25 and the P-W 4th grade class will join.

- I. There is an upcoming field trip to Ziibiwing Center to study Native American culture.
- J. The St. Joseph School Advent Program is December 12.

VIII. Business Action Items

- A. Monthly check in for future board members: No new interest at this time
 - a. Two ways of notifying the community about school board involvement should be completed this month. Communications committee will create the content.

IX. Business New

None

X. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee: Will soon meet to discuss projections for next school year in terms of finances, tuition, and enrollment.
- B. Marketing Committee: Students handed out prayer cards to parishioners after All Saints Day/weekend masses. Junior High Open House was held. Discussed a new initiative of a family/teacher spotlight in the bulletin to help inform parishioners about St. Joseph School and what happens here. Continue to work with the Diocese on marketing funds.
- C. Development Committee: None
- D. Strategic Planning: Discussed next steps in Strategic Plan
 - a. Reviewed a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) document that will assist in measuring the progress of the Strategic Plan. Discussions were held on how the document can offer both a snapshot of the overall progress and also be broken down further into the 5 specific goals.
 - b. Discussed options for communicating the Strategic Plan parish wide. Considering a booklet or tri-fold pamphlet that informs parishioners of the plan.

XI. Suggested Items for Next Month's Meeting

- A. Budget and tuition
- B. Strategic Planning Goals - members should come to the December meeting prepared to discuss each section. Members should consider what help is needed to accomplish the goals.

XII. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, December 18, 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 Aaron Schneider and seconded by Erin Kowatch at 8:00pm.