

**St. Patrick School Board Meeting
August 8, 2023**

“We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!”

Present: Cheryl Baker, Jeff Fedewa, Dana Hengesbach, Ashley Kliewer, Brenda Lenneman, Krysten Rosendale, Connie Vallier, Nancy Wohlscheid, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Hodge

I. Opening Prayer (Connie)

II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Krysten moved to approve May 2023 school board notes; Brenda seconded the motion and the motion passed.

III. New Business

Connie announced there is a school board refresher on August 30th with online options. The refresher is geared to new members. The Fall Summit will take place on November 7th. Connie will email the school board member list to Janet Pung.

IV. Principals' Report

Mr. Hodge reported that Mrs. Gayle Thelen retired. Margaret Besson has been hired to teach fifth grade. Back-to-school professional development will begin next Tuesday, August 15th with a diocesan Mass and professional development will continue August 16th and 17th. BenQ boards have been installed in all elementary classrooms. The boards were purchased through a grant. Mr. Hodge has approval to purchase more for the high school classrooms. The projectors are getting run down and the bulbs are very expensive; the projectors have exceeded lifetime expectations. The school will keep some of the projectors on hand. Corpus Christi donated old furniture for our first and second grade classrooms. Regarding sports, homecoming will take place on Saturday, October 7th. All home football games will be played on Saturdays. There are enough boys this year to have a JV football team. Cross country has a girls' team, but the boys' team is one short for a team. Varsity volleyball has 12 girls; JV has 6 and is open for eighth grade girls to rotate. The girls' track team finished as state runner-up last year. Regarding A & D, the mega rock raffle tickets are available for purchase. Mr. Hodge is trying to find a way to fund scholarships, and this would require budgeting of \$100,000 to \$120,000.

Mrs. Smith reported four new teachers have been hired in the elementary. Jena Schafer has been hired as a first grade teacher, Casey Lenneman has been hired as a second grade teacher, Margaret Besson has been hired as a fifth grade teacher and Chloe Cross has been hired as middle school math and eighth grade religion teacher. Cristina Cote and Kaylyn Livingston have been hired as teaching assistants. Aaron Thelen is conducting interviews to fill the infant/toddler daycare positions. Capturing Kids Hearts will continue this school year. The reading curriculum has been updated. A five-year curriculum review will be done for math. Land-

O-Lakes, with the help of Michele Hoppes, donated 96 backpacks with basic supplies and a scripture verse.

V. Subcommittees

A) Policy and Strategic Planning (Brenda)

Brenda is working on updates to the Emergency Operations Plan and the Technology Plan. The current Technology Plan is being transitioned to the diocesan template. There is one change in the student handbook which is the new uniform sweatshirt color.

B) Mission Effectiveness

Connie is working on filling vacant co-chair positions.

C) Marketing and Communication (Ashley and Dana)

The next meeting will take place on September 26th. Sue VanLente will be taking marketing pictures. New banners will be ordered. Fonts and color palates have been finalized. There will be new social media posts for new teacher shout-outs. The infant/toddler daycare will be advertised. Holy Days will also be posted. The diocese has posts which can be used by schools for social media purposes. Staff t-shirts are being made and new Rock Pile shirts for the basketball season will be made.

D) Advancement and Development (Mr. Hodge, Erin and Krysten)

See Principals' Report above.

E) Finance Committee (Jeff and Cheryl)

Currently waiting for June financials to come through from the diocese. A rough estimate to-date is the school is still in the 36% subsidy range. The real student count will be available when school begins. Childcare numbers will be reviewed as enrollment happens.

F) Executive Committee (Connie, Jeff and Nancy)

The committee met on August 1st. Principals shared staffing and enrollment information. The next Father Flohe Foundation meeting is September 6th.

VII. Review of Tasks and Assignments (Nancy)

- 1) Connie will work on filling the Mission Effectiveness openings.
- 2) Connie will provide Janet Pung with the list of school board members.

Closing Prayer (Connie)

Adjournment at 8:00 pm

Next school board meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023.
Notes provided by Nancy Wohlscheid

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