

Members

Dayna Bearss, SA 2012, Chairperson
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Lisa Frey, SA 2013
Michael Kunzler, SJ 2013
Kathy Mitchell, BS 2013
Mike Yskes, SI 2013
Nikki Outhier, SA 2014
Kathy Schwartz, BS 2014
Trish Tue, SJ 2014
Open Seat, SI 2014



BOARD OF EDUCATION Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2011
7:00 pm
Elementary Campus Library

Board of Pastors

Fr. Tom Page, St. Jude, Chairman
Fr. George Darling, Blessed Sacrament
Fr. Pat Grile, St. Alphonsus
Fr. Don Lomasiewicz, St. Isidore

School Administration

Anne Harpold, Principal
Michael Debri, Assistant Principal
Mary Bristol, Business Manager

Elementary Campus

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00. Mike Yskes led with an opening prayer requesting guidance in our duties. With the exception of Mike Kunzler and Trish Tue who were excused, all members were present along with Father Tom, Anne Harpold, Michael Debri and Mary Bristol. With no others in attendance, public comments were not heard nor required to be added to the agenda. The September meeting minutes were previously approved through electronic proxy. Anne passed the school policy book around the table reminding everyone that the vast majority of the policies come directly from the diocesan school administration which helps to maintain uniformity among the area schools.

Dayna highlighted the energy being felt at the school, how expectations are being exceeded and groups are coming together to share roles and goals while working together toward a better future.

The board was reminded of the October 29th diocesan training on the new governance model. Several members plan to be in attendance and will bring the information back to the rest of the group.

The board's attention turned to the work conducted by the various committees over the past month and reported in the advance material. A suggestion was made to postpone the name change of the School Culture and Community group until we fully implement the new governance model since there is currently a lot of momentum building and a name change now could undermine this effort. All were in favor of tabling the "Mission Effectiveness" name change until the Fall of 2013. After the September meeting, Lisa Frey agreed to focus her efforts on the Marketing Committee. Kathy Mitchell stepped up to chair the Curriculum Committee; after some discussion, it was agreed that the Curriculum Committee will now officially become an Advisory Committee to the Principal as opposed to a School Board committee; the membership roster will remain the same and Kathy Mitchell will be the liaison between the group and the board to the extent that issues need to be addressed. The Technology Committee met right before the board meeting, therefore Mike Yskes provided a verbal update of the committee membership, current efforts and planning efforts. Father Tom and Mary Bristol updated the group on the status of the Endowment Fund and the individuals from the parishes who are leading this effort. As part of Nikki's Development Committee work, she will contact the group to keep a line of communications open. The Development Committee and the Grant Writing Subcommittee are working to distinguish between levels of need and how best to satisfy the requests. The Finance Committee and the Development Committee met on October 11th and divided the goals from the strategic plan into the natural categories. Finance will focus on long term financial planning while Development will focus on obtaining the funds to support the plan.

Due to an "unexpected virtual trip to the South of Wales and related misfortunes," Father Tom was not able to address the previous matters with the Board of Pastors. This will be done during October with the help of archived documents. The group reiterated the need to fill the two vacant seats on the board.

In addition to the information in the advance reports, Anne shared some of the proposed changes that the 8th grade parents are discussing for this year's graduation activities. Due to technological challenges at the diocesan level, the October 21st training has been postponed; however, the school is taking advantage of the day and using it to plan for the upcoming accreditation work. Michael Debri passed out an article on Sensory Labs and the advantages in education. He then shared the efforts currently in place through Lynne Kloska and Becky Patterson. The Grant Writing Committee was paying close attention and will see if there are opportunities to capitalize on what has been started. Michael also shared additional information about the upcoming Play Like a Champion Training for the coaches and parents on November 20th. Dave Faber has expressed interest in the program for all of GRACEAC and is applauding ASA's forward thinking in this area. Work continues on the development of a Pay to Play proposal for the sports program.

Kim presented the current status of tuition collections and mentioned efforts being made to provide meaningful financial information to the board that can be acted upon rather than just a historical picture.

Kathy Mitchell led the closing prayer with the Memorare. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Pedler
Secretary