

School Commission Minutes

March 3rd, 2016

Attendance: Father Oakland, Sarah Katsandres, Brett Conway, Mark Golubiec, Brendan Kolding, Pat Galvin, Mike Curran, Kevin McMahan, Maritherese Thomas, Mary Jo McFaul, Terry Burns, Christy Tobin-Presser, Mary Moan, Joellyn DeRonghe, Andrea Geraghty, Alison Morton

Missing: Jodi, Christy,

Opening Prayer: Father

February Minutes approved

Appreciation Cards: Grandparents hosts,

Pastor Report:

“Draw near to Jesus” - Father’s Holy Week theme.

Working through budgets, etc.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Gary Samaniego

- Severe cleanup underway, progress made, hope to have solid numbers within the next 60-90 days.
 - School budget for next year can’t be done until the financials are cleaned up.

Parish / School Interaction: Margaret Whetham

- Mass attendance –
 - ¼ of 7th-8th graders attend mass
 - Reasons - Boring, busy, kids themselves said they were lazy
- Recent survey of parents
 - Strong desire for kids to get the catholic values
 - Less concerned about the strong religious influence

Principal Report:

- Annual Fund
 - Pledged \$176,587, Paid \$122,508
- Grandparents Lunch
 - \$6,095 raised, Cost \$3,575
- Tree Lot
 - Net proceeds \$35k+
- Magazine Drive
 - \$67,264 net proceeds
- Centennial Campaign
 - Pledged \$697,386k
- Auction
 - Suggestion that SC members become “Table Chairs” (potential beginning 2017)
- General Items
 - Iowa Test Scores
 - Five 5th graders in the upper 90%
 - Number of kids increased every year into 8th grade
 - Beginning conversations on tweaking faculty pay and benefits with 3-5 members for next year
 - Student insurance HR pays likely increasing from 10k to 15k next year
 - Enrollment
 - Projection for 16/17 is the same for 15/16

- Kimberly Tish
 - Not returning next year

Parents Club

- Meeting next week, Thursday 6:30pm
- WestFest All positions filled for next Fall
 - EXCEPT CHAIR

Communications / Marketing

- Website / Slider Revolution
 - Working on increasing pictures (number of, and changed out more frequently)
 - Need more eyeballs on the website and ability to keep it fresh
- More thought put towards second school event
 - Helps attract potential new families
 - Promotes School/parish unity
- Booths
 - Need someone to take this on (running this in general)
 - We should be participating in most every event possible to plug our school
 - More focus and effort on student body playing a larger role in manning the booth
 - Our kids are one of the best commercials we have
- EFC / General School information
 - Need to impress upon families that all should be reading this weekly
 - Nearly everything you need to know about HR is in the weekly EFC

Alumni Outreach

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School Commission: Open enrollment effort begins, looking for 2-3

- Kevin updated the forms, which have been posted
 - Applications due on/before April 1st
- 5-6 parents have expressed interest

School Facilities

- Working on updating Fire Alarm

New Business

- Discussion around 8th grade class having a “leave behind” project. Some sweat-equity that they can work on to improve the school as they venture off to the next phase of their lives (HS)

Principal Search

- George retiring
 - Pending offer to top candidate next week