

Saint Thomas the Apostle Board of Education Minutes

September 08, 2022 (6:00pm to 7:15pm)

Opening Prayer

Carla Grant – financial reporting

- 1.5 million is the historical offertory that we are working to get back to (Budget for this year 1.3)
- Working to ensure sustainability – possible grant writer
- IT Planning and Cyber Security
- Capital Projects

Partner Organization Reports

Foundation/Auction (Betsy Edgerton)

- Working to build the current endowment
- Events
 - Tailgate for alumni and friends Friday, September 23, 5pm to 7pm (game time)
 - October 2nd, 12-3pm – picnic in the park
 - October 8th, 6:30pm – Auction (Saint Nicholas Cultural Center located at 2250 E Paris Ave. SE)
 - October 14th – Grandfriends Day
- Auction (bi-annual event)
 - Silent Auction (starts 5pm, Sunday, October 2nd)
 - student and staff experiences
 - sign-up parties
 - Extra, extras
 - Introducing families to what we do at St. Thomas
 - Open bar and appetizers
 - Impact tables – representatives of parish and school programming (explain what they do).
 - Live Auction
 - Presentation on Educational Services
 - Tuition Angel (Education Foundation)
 - Hipster DJ

Home and School (Genevieve Boyle)

- Working to contact all new families and match with veteran families
- Welcoming new families
- Continuing to help sign-up volunteers

Minutes Approved

Principal/Assistant Principal Report (see online report for more details)

- Enrollment 336
- ESS
 - Evaluating how we can best serve ESS needs and have had to turn some families away (based on inability to serve all needs)
 - Josh S. asked for Don Dahlquist to report to the board regarding ESS
 - 12 students with true IEP for special needs
 - Grade level ESS support staff going into classrooms
 - Marygrace is studying scores from standardized testing and is especially focused on growth for students
 - School Counselor is meeting 2.5 hours per week
 - Second Steps
 - School Enrichment
 - Educational Support
 - Writing
 - Math
 - Preschool
 - STEM
 - Kindergarten
- Teachers are looking over strategic plan and then it will be presented to the small groups in the expanded community
 - Tactics (action items) will be added once the plan is finalized
- Great start of the school year kicking off with “Good Will.”

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds (Josh Szymanski)

- Parking lot offer (possibly finishing at the end of the year) – space for early childhood development
- The school owns half of Grace ST

Board Deliberations

Board Application—Annie Ciotte (application submitted and accepted)

Vote for New Board Members (unanimously approved)

- James Wilson
- Jamie McCabe

Congratulations—and thank you for serving!

Concluding Prayer

Attendance

14 Voting Directors:

Chair, Erin Schmuker: Excused

Vice Chair, Derek Damstra: Present

Secretary, Brian Hillary: Present

Building and Grounds Committee chair, Josh Szymanski: Present

Curriculum Committee chair (vacant)

Finance and Fiscal Development Committee Chair, Liz Thoreson: Present

Marketing Committee chair (vacant)

Mission Effectiveness Committee chair (vacant)

Policy & Planning Committee chair (vacant)

At Large Member, Bill Fetterhoff: Present

At Large Member, Suzi Furtwangler: Excused

At Large Member, Michelle Anderson: Present

Ex Officio Members and/or guests

Principal, Ryan Corcoran: Present

Assistant Principal, Marygrace Tyrrell: Present

Development & Outreach chair, Betsy Edgerton: Present

Financial, Carla Grant: Present

Home and School, Genevieve Boyle: Present

Perspective Board Members

- Jamie McCabe
- James Wilson
- Annie Cicotte

School Board Meetings - 2nd Thursday of each month

October 13

November 10

No December

January 12

February 9

March 9

No April

May 11