

Saint Thomas the Apostle Board of Education Minutes

January 12, 2023 (6:00pm to 7:15pm)

Opening Prayer – Fr. Jim

Partner Organization Reports

Pastor Report (Fr. Jim)

- Father is happy with the current status of the school
- Discussed lock the down incident and camera coverage
- He is having two masses for students (lower elementary and upper elementary) and enjoying it
- An offertory increase appeal letter is upcoming—asking parishioners to do a little more

Financial (Carla Grant)

- Discussed existing and upcoming budget with a 5% tuition increase proposed for 23/24. Josh Szymanski motioned to approve; Michelle Anderson seconded the motion; all approved; none opposed.
- The question surfaced: Why doesn't the multi-child discount include kindergarten?
 - Kindergarten is a specialty program which offers many configuration options such as half-day, full-day and may include additional enrichment opportunities that can be modified throughout the year. Thus, making it difficult to be included with other tuition calculations.
 - The board was thankful for the clarity and agreed that it should be kept separate from other tuition assessments.

Foundation/Auction (Betsy Edgerton)

- Looking to have another bi-annual fundraiser

Home and School (Genevieve Boyle)

- Uniform update
- Planning a happy hour at Founders
- Anthony Giovannetti (technology) is creating a carpool/babysitting website
- Planning for upcoming Catholic Schools Week
- Kings table went well, three families sponsored.

Minutes Approved – to be published on the school website

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

- Discussed 2 recent incidents (lockdown/body). Ryan expressed his gratitude for the great staff surrounding him. Lock down was calm, everyone responded well. All cameras were helpful. 2 sources for cameras. Google chat setup to communicate internally. Added communication has

helped tremendously. Recess moved to blacktop for tomorrow. Diocese has been supportive and helpful.

- Strategic Plan Update – Only change is Academics 10% reach their projected MAP growth scores; Derek motioned to approved, member seconded, all approve, 0 opposed.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds (Josh Szymanski)

- Hope network is closing in February and construction starting in march.
- Parking lot, conversations ongoing. CHC encouraged everyone to not talk about their situation.

Boosters (Kyle Wohlgemuth)

- No Report

Marketing (Betsy)

Marketing is blowing the lights out, Annie has been very helpful.

Board Deliberations

Board Training from November Update:

- Brian will be providing an update next month.
- Betsy attended School Admin session, interested in email campaigns.

Board Composition (next year):

Erin expressed to the team to think about their interest for next year. Brian has expressed interest in moving to Board Chair. Derek expressed interest in moving to secretary.

Uniforms Update:

- Primary problem Pants from My A+.
- Attempting to work with current supplier
- Possibly adding another vendor like we do with white shirts to offer another option (prefers elastic waist)

Concluding Prayer

Attendance

14 Voting Directors:

Chair, Erin Schmuker: Present

Vice Chair, Derek Damstra: Present

Secretary, Brian Hillary: Excused

Building and Grounds Committee chair, Josh Szymanski: Present

Curriculum Committee chair (vacant)

Finance and Fiscal Development Committee chair, Liz Thoreson: Excused

Marketing Committee chair, Anne Cicotte: Present

Mission Effectiveness Committee chair, James Wilson: Present

Policy & Planning Committee chair (vacant)

At Large Member, Michelle Anderson: Present

At Large Member, Bill Fetterhoff: Present

At Large Member, Suzi Furtwangler: Present

At Large Member, Mary Vonk: Present

Ex Officio Members and/or guests

Pastor, Fr. Jim: Present

Principal, Ryan Corcoran: Present

Assistant Principal, Marygrace Tyrrell: Excused

Development & Outreach chair, Betsy Edgerton: Present

Financial, Carla Grant: Present

Home and School, Genevieve Boyle: Present

School Board Meetings - 2nd Thursday of each month

February 9

March 9

No April

May 11