

# Saint Thomas the Apostle Board of Education Minutes

March 9, 2023 (6:00pm to 7:15pm)

## Opening Prayer

## Pastor Report (Fr. Jim)

- Thank you for positive response to budget appeal
- Children's Healing Center lease expires September 2024
  - They are signaling that they may need more time to move out
  - St. Thomas is in a position to accept a possible extension up to December 2024
  - We have grants ranging between \$50,000 to \$100,00 available in that time frame

## Partner Organization Reports

### Financial (Carla Grant)

- 80 people increased faith direction (about \$4700.00 increase per month)
- See written report for more details

### Foundation/Auction (Betsy Edgerton)

- See written report

### Boosters (Kyle Wohlgemuth)

- No Report

### Home and School (Genevieve Boyle)

- Anthony Giovanetti is helping with a website that helps parents connect in carpooling, babysitting and other services
- Mother-son events
- Father-daughter events – Sunshine Swirl (04/22)
- Gaps in volunteering everywhere with many of the same returning to help (possible burnout)
  - Personal invites
  - Putting out volunteer opportunities a couple times a year
  - Helping to get more Virtus trainings
  - Erin suggested volunteering possibilities that are at other hours besides school hours
  - Look at incremental budget possibilities

## Minutes Approved – to be published on the school website

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

- Enrollment
  - 222 completed the entire process of registration
  - School admin has worked well
  - 24 new students
  - 6 new families
- State of the School Address
  - March 22, 8:30pm
  - March 23, 6:30pm
- Staff Development went well with training in ADHD
- Still looking for a middle school ESL teacher
- Ryan and Liz Thorson are working to organize a teacher pay scale

### Committee Reports

#### Building and Grounds (Josh Szymanski)

- Professional security assessment for the campus

#### Marketing (Anne Cicotte)

- Human interest stories get best feedback
- Brainstorming ideas beginning soon for centenary branding and marketing

#### Mission Effectiveness (James Wilson)

- Tying in the liturgical calendar into the school schedule
- Looking to integrate more students and families (looking outward)

### Board Deliberations

- Adding Lands End as a vendor for select items that will be available from the online store; current vendor remains
- Strategic Plan: continue updating tactical work that will help to drive the vision metrics for the strategic plan. Applicable work should be posted to the google drive share
- Members voted and approved two new board members: Molly Kennedy and Elissa Williams—welcome to the board and thank you for your service

### Concluding Prayer

## Attendance

### **14 Voting Directors:**

Chair, Erin Schmuker: Present

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, 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: Absent

At Large Member, Suzi Furtwangler: Excused

At Large Member, Mary Vonk: Excused

### **Ex Officio Members and/or guests**

Pastor, Fr. Jim: Present

Principal, Ryan Corcoran: Present

Assistant Principal, Marygrace Tyrrell: Present

Development & Outreach chair, Betsy Edgerton: Excused

Financial, Carla Grant: Present

Home and School, Genevieve Boyle: Present

Visitor: Angelique Nowak

## **School Board Meetings** - 2nd Thursday of each month

No April

May 11