

St, Gerard Majella School Board Meeting October 11, 2016,

Board Members Present: Teresa Kerner, Jen Hobin, Kara DiCarlo,, Carla Peretz, Sally Kellogg, Michael Ariston, Susan Frey, Jessica Espe, Maureen Heidenry, Alison Helgeson, Diane Gray

Board Members not present: Christy Ross,

Ex-Officious Present: Ms. Guthrie, Fr. Skillman,

Ex-Officious Not Present: Jeanie Hall

Meeting called together at 7:05pm by Kara DiCarlo
Prayer by Sally Kellogg

STEM project presented by Ms. Buechler and Mrs. Harris-Create a sailboat
-STEM is a process, not a product. (Science, technology, engineering, math)

Parochial Administrator's Report-Father Skillman

- This Sunday (10/16) is the feast of St. Gerard
- Father encourages all to attend ACTS retreat
- Fr. Buechler and Fr. Skillman are continuing to visit classrooms and discussing the rosary this month
- Meeting regarding the auction this Thursday. Goal is to brainstorm ways to make running the auction more manageable.
- Discussion started regarding volunteering expectations throughout the year

Principal's Report-Chris Guthrie

- Discussion continuing regarding drop off and pick up
- sign up genius out this week regarding sign ups for conferences 3:30-6:30 T-TH last week of October
- Standardized tests results are back and results were very favorable
- STUCO elections are complete and class representatives will be chosen this week
- Ambassadors will be chosen by 8th graders (blind applications)
- Scholarships awarded to 8th grade boys from DeSmet, CBC, and Vianney based on scholastic achievements
- results of MS 1 to 1 survey results are that majority would prefer buying bulk and initiating Aug 2017
- tours continuing and a new 5th grade girl starting next week

Handbook Policies Reviewed

- attendance policy
- degree level (Masters vs. Specialist) required of Principal
- Kindergarten admissions policy
- Admission policy for nonCatholics
- Registration

Committee Meetings

Marketing

- continuing to focus on retention; goals met/exceeded from last year. Goal is to retain 97% of students from previous school year. This means not losing less than 12 students.
- not reinventing the wheel, solidify what we have in place

Resource

- have yet to meet with teachers, will begin second quarter

Observations-Susan Frey

- second grade observation of Mrs. Hogan/Mrs. James-3 groups working with technology on math, lesson differentiated, hard work was apparent
- fourth grade review session with Mrs. Cowart-games played during review sheet, manners reinforced, expectations were obviously set high by the teacher
- fourth grade math with Mrs. Ryan-exploring relationship between subtraction and division, students work in individualized challenge packets when finished, teacher worked one on one with many students, differentiation apparent

Word on the Street/Gratitude

- A third grader came home with the picture of the rosary from Fr. Skillman he used to remind them to keep focused when praying
 - a third grader participated in the after school golf program (k-3) and enjoyed it!
 - length of shorts for girls for dress down days may need to be looked
 - discussion of weekend homework and Monday tests brought up
 - gratitude to Ms. G for all the coffees and teas for the principal!
 - third grade teachers have gone above and beyond to include and differentiate for students!
 - kindergarten is doing awesome!!!!
- Meeting was adjourned at 9pm