

School Board Meeting St. Gerard Majella May 14, 2019

**Board Members Present:** Jessica Espe, Alison Helgeson, Joe Craft, Shannon Gielow, Brad Partridge, Chuck Saenger, Amanda Wolf, Katie Sotiriou, Erin Zlatic

**Board Members not present:** Maureen Heidenry, Holly Ellis

**Ex-Officious Present:** Ms. Guthrie, Ms. Gintz, Betsey Mooney, Father Skillman, Sarah Veninga, Amy Eakle, Carolyn Skowyra, Will Skowyra, Tiffany O'Reilly

**Ex-Officious not present:** n/a

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Shannon Gielow  
Prayer by Shannon Gielow

**Welcome New Members-**

-Amy Eakle, Josh Reuter, Carolyn Skowyra, and Sarah Veninga

**Presentation from parents of children at the school**

-Tiffany O'Reilly and Will Skowyra presented their requests:

-would like a floating aid to help assist with servicing the number of students in the incoming 3rd grade

**Principal's Report- (Chris Guthrie)**

-3rd grade class size

-a letter was sent to the parents of students in 3rd grade letting them know that their concerns are being heard

-currently a reading specialist is being hired for 6 hours a week specifically dedicated for 3rd grade

-continued discussion regarding this matter and will follow up with the incoming 3rd grade

-Provided the school board with the school improvements made this year and that will be made next year

-Social Emotional Training Schedule

-Accepted into the Yale RULER training program in the Summer - 5 individuals will attend and come back to train the staff

-Newsletter included alcohol policy

-this is an archdiocese policy that we need to adhere to

-there cannot be drinking at an event that primarily involves the children

-Award ceremony

-going to take a break from the awards this year

-instead will focus on the accomplishments of the school this year

-Salute to Mrs. Fogarty and Mrs. Harris (there will also be a celebration after mass on Sunday May 19, 2019)

-Renovations for next year

-teachers and facilities committee met to make a new plan for the new STREAM curriculum

-going to apply to write a grant for expansion

### **Assistant Principal Report- (Lucy Gintz)**

-no news to report

### **Pastor Report- (Father Skillman)**

-no news to report

### **New Family Feedback-(Shannon Gielow)**

-6 new families this year

-why switched- too small, academic challenge, lack of communication

-positives- ambassadors, felt welcomed, like the mentor program, religious education, curriculum is more traditional

-opportunities to consider- spring conferences, choice cards, more communication from resource and speciality classes

-Overall- feedback was positive and transition was very positive

### **Focus Group Follow-Up- (Shannon Gielow)**

-sent an email to follow up with the focus group from previous years

-shared information about the effectiveness of the behavioral plan that has been implemented this year

-student retention- drew attention to the work the marketing committee does to recruit and retain students

-transitions- the board has heard from teachers and what they are working on in each grade level

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **APT:**

-Elizabeth Tuffli (new president for 2019-2020)

**Marketing Committee- (Erin Zlatic)**

- Wondering how to promote more internally and more specifically to share the good stuff going on
- Working on new marketing material to make it more current
- Have a new video for our website that will up next school year

**Resource Committee- (Brad Partridge)**

- no news to report

**School Board President Report- (Shannon Gielow)**

- Voted in Officers for next year
  - Brad Partridge (president 2019-2020)
  - Katie Sotiriou (vice president 2019-2020)
  - Holly Ellis (secretary 2019-2020)

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm