

St. Mary's School Board Meeting Minutes



September 8, 2015

Call to Order: 6:30 pm.

Attendance: Brother Roger, Lynda Privet, Jenny Winjum, Mark Jennings, Joe Stemper, BJ Augedahl, Arlene Augedahl and Angie Welscher

Special Guest(s): Karen Loging, Angie Sloan, Dawn Hawkins and Mike Werner

Reports:

Secretary's Report:

Minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve by Arlene and second by Mark.

Financial Report:

Annual Financial Report was presented and reviewed by Dawn Hawkins

Old Business:

1. Doors-security
 - a. Buzzer on front door – 2 bids were received \$1800 & \$2500
 - b. Father is in favor but no funds at this time, looking for option to do a fund raiser
 - c. Suggestions to fund raising: booth at the Bazaar, any remaining budget from the computers, or working with Parents Care to have the raffle cover this
2. Lunch program update
 - a. Worked out agreement with St. John's school
 - b. Year to year contract; St. Johns will pay \$3000 towards administrative fees
 - c. St. Mary's is in an audit year so Audrey will be working to prepare for that audit.
3. New Computers –
 - a. Computers are up and running, a complete list was given by Brother Roger for computer class activities by grades and notes about the iPads and testing.
4. Viking football fundraiser –
 - a. Fundraiser is all on track and committee was due to meet Thursday prior to the event
 - b. Joe Stemper donated a football board, after payouts the board would profit \$1000 to the fundraiser.
5. ACE collaborative and PLC's
 - a. ACE is coming together. It is a lengthy process and should be ready within a year
 - b. PLC's – to go through this in the fall as a staff, covering the ground work first.
 - i. Leader is the teachers roles
 - ii. 3-4 PLC's and see would be leaders of these
 - iii. Involves paperwork to bring back to the group to make for a better staff and school
6. Enrollment

- a. Catholic school struggle and we are behind so good to get PLC's going
 - i. Resent research shows 1. Academics, 2. Discipline, 3. Religion. Number 1 and 3 have been reversed since the 70's
 - b. Enrollment numbers
 - i. 151 students with 125 being K-8 and 26 Pre-K students
 - ii. Prior year was 124 K-8 so numbers are holding
7. ERates
- a. ERates is a Federal Government reimbursement and Brother will explore this for the school
 - b. Need a technology 5 year plan and get it approved

New Business:

- 1. Catholic Schools week rally
 - a. Brother is reaching out to Hokah and LaCrescent to ask them to join us for a day
 - i. Looking at doing a logo puzzle, put older students with younger students
 - ii. Have mass, lunch, movie and line dancing
 - b. Brother is has also asked the Bishop to join.
- 2. World Cultures presentation/Cultures Fair
 - a. Also looking to involve Hokah, St. John's and LaCrescent
 - b. Three foreign Brothers agreed to come and talk about their culture
- 3. Middle School Retreat
 - a. Off campus retreat at St. Mary's University
 - b. Again would look to invite Hokah and LaCrescent
- 4. Annual Financial Report
 - a. Pie chart reviewed on breakdown of schools funding and Subsidy from the Parish is at 34%, endowments at 24%, tuition at 23% and Fundraising at 13%
 - b. Goal is to get Subsidy, Tuition and Fundraising all equally contributing
 - c. Next month an endowment update will be given
 - d. Other areas covered were scrip, 2015-2016 budget information, accounts receivables and tuition assistance. A full copy of the report was provided to the board
- 5. Committee Reports
 - a. Website
 - i. Operational but wants some changes yet, Matt Weinbender will do the labor intense changes. This is not live yet but mostly ready. Working towards a goal date of January 1, 2106
 - ii. Data still needed from the alumni as well, Jenny to follow up with Carla Gavin
 - b. Technology
 - i. New Computers
 - ii. Committee met back in May
 - c. No updates from the Alumni and Marketing Committees
 - i. Was noted that an email will go out to have a refresher meeting for the groups
 - d. Aid Policy – tabled until next meeting

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm – Next Meeting October 13, 2015