

Holy Childhood of Jesus School Board Meeting Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Empower

Prior to the official start of the meeting there was a discussion about Empower.

Tim Keefe went to Springfield to promote Empower.

Tim thinks April could be our last opportunity for the sunset on Empower to be extended.

Meeting called to order at 6:47

Father Nick Fleming, Deacon Dan Cozzi, Principal - Tim Keefe, Don Norrenberns, Mike Brennan, Eliot Deters (absent), Mykale Elbe, Mike Klein, Jamie Moll, Matt Schroeder, Patrick Stumpf

Guest: Debbie Bunn

Approval of Minutes - Mike Klein suggested adding the year 2023 to David Kerwin's retirement date in last month's minutes

Mike Brennan made a motion to approve last month's minutes with the change suggested by Mike Klein and Patrick Stumpf seconded.

Principal's Report - Tim Keefe

- Great ending to 1st semester
- Thank you to everyone that helped with all the Christmas festivities.
- Open House - Parents will be able to register for next year at open house.
- Mascoutah High School - HCS teachers are getting our 8th grade students prepared to start at MHS. Tim reached out to the heads of the different departments at the high school. He is going to have some of the HCS teachers meet with the department heads.
- Principal Evaluation should be returned to Father Nick by the February board meeting.
- 4th grade and up received information about bullying last week. Tim just wanted to let all the parents know that it is being addressed
- In March, HCS is up for accreditation. Caleb Spears and Tiffany Simon have been excellent in helping with the accreditation process.
- Student of the Month - Fortitude is our first virtue.
- Holy Childhood Open House will be promoted in the Mascoutah Herald as well as through banners.
- Catholic Schools Week - The information is on the weekly newsletter. Light refreshments will be available
- Feeding Gods' People will be on Friday, January 20.
- Luke 18 retreat is coming up - Deacon Dan - Remind the 7th and 8th grade students about Luke 18. Edge will be having a meeting on Friday night.
- Athletics - A huge shout out to Heidi Killian and the whole athletic committee for a well run diosecan tournament. Mike Klein said lots of members of the HCS community pitched in to help.
- Volleyball practice is starting

- Curriculum Committee - (It is a mixture of parents and teachers.) They met last night. Tim would like more transparency with families when it comes to our curriculum. He also would like students to have a better understanding of what we are doing and why we are doing it. This will be a multiyear process. Father Nick will be working on the religion curriculum.
- Employees/Employment - Tim is trying to get the word out about our open math position. Tim is thinking that we might need to hire some additional help next year depending on the enrollment. Father Nick said the finance committee met and is working on merging the school finances with the church.
- Technology - Smart Boards will hopefully be here soon.
- Flooring in the Cafeteria - We have the fiscal means to replace the flooring in the cafeteria. The plan is to get it finished this summer. Don Norrenberns said that the flooring for the cafeteria should go through the Buildings and Grounds Committee through the church.
- Purple Star School - Tim has a meeting scheduled next week to work on this.
- Apex Fun Run - Tim said students will be participating in the Apex Fun Run this year. This will be starting on February 6.
- Debbie Bunn - The Diocese of Belleville Board of Education will be voting on the teacher pay scale.

Athletics

Friday, February 3 - Munchkin Basketball Night & Fish Fry - Food will be served starting at 4:30. We should be good with coaches for the rest of the year.

New Business

Casino Night - Saturday, February 25 at Fritz's Hospitality Room at 7:00 - Mike will bring heavy appetizers for the evening.

Confirmation - April 18

Variety Show - April 21

First Communion - April 23

Graduation Date - May 20

Mike Brennan put up some banners promoting the HCS open house. Mike Klein said he would take them down after the open house.

We have flyers promoting HCS on Scott Air Force Base as well.

Debbie Bunn also mentioned marketing HCS to the parish.

Father Nick said Saint Libory is going to be doing their own bulletin in the near future. Once this occurs, HCS will be highlighted more in the HCC bulletin.

Next meeting date - February 15, 2023

Don Norrenberns closed the meeting at 8:01 with a prayer.

