

Holy Childhood of Jesus School

School Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 2, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. – Holy Childhood Parish Center

Call to Order: 6:30

Opening Prayer: Mike Klein

Attendance: Father Mark Stec, Principal – Tim Keefe, Mike Brennan, Mykale Elbe, Mike Klein, Matt Schroeder, Patrick Stumpf, Amy Uptergrove, Deacon Dan Cozzi, Don Norrenberns, Eliot Deters (absent)

Introduction of Father Mark

Board Officers Discussion: Volunteers for all Officer positions was requested by Mike Klein. Mike Klein (President) and Matt Schroeder (Vice-President) volunteered to stay on an additional year. Mike Klein nominated Amy Uptergrove for Secretary position. Mykale Elbe motioned to approve the officer nominations and Mike Brennan seconded.

Guests: No guests in attendance

Approval of Previous Minutes: Matt Schroeder motioned to approve the minutes and Mike Brennan seconded.

Principal's Report – Mr. Keefe:

- a. School Summer Cleaning: Mr. Kerwin doing a great job deep cleaning the school. The cafeteria floor has been replaced and looks amazing. The teacher's lounge got a facelift as well and looks great.
- b. Enrollment: Enrollment is going well. There is currently 157 registered (K-8). Continuing to monitor Pre-K numbers.
- c. Faith Formation - Mass this year is Tuesday and Thursday for K-8. There is a new curriculum for religion classes. Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Cozzi will be presenting a program "Catholic Brain" to staff on Aug 15th.
- d. Extracurricular – Athletic Co-op with St. Libory will not be occurring. The proposal was disapproved by St Libory board. HCS fall soccer may have limited use of Mascoutah High School field due to competing programs. Ms. Kilian is exploring other local options for practice and home games. There will be a coaches meeting

August 1st. Parents have been contacted to ensure all athletes have current sports physical (within 390 days) on file. Ms. Uptergrove asked about the status of capping Wed night athletics at 6pm like the High School. It had been discussed with the athletic program before Fr Nick left. Mr. Keefe/Fr Mark will inquire.

e. Math Curriculum - 5, 6, and 7 will be together - 8th grade will have the choice for kids to be in pre-algebra or algebra. Exploring possibilities to have paid math tutoring available (more to come).

f. Employees & Employment –

1. Pre-K: Jessica Graul will be the new 4 year old preschool teacher.
2. After Care: Peyton Yarber hired for After-Care program. Looking for one additional staff member.
3. Custodial: Mr. Todd's last day is Fri. Mr. Kerwin is projected to retire later this year and plans are being made to advertise the position in Sep.

g. Cafeteria Flooring - Complete

h. School in the Community - Open House - Monday, August 14

Mr. Keefe discussed that he was looking into the feasibility of offering partial scholarships to pre-K students that enroll in K-8. More discussion to come in future.

Organization Reports:

Athletics – Parent meeting scheduled for Aug 8th. Additional detail on athletics above

HOPE – Welcome Banner will be utilized for upcoming events. August 6th is float decorating and Homecoming parade.

Old Business

2023-2024 Meeting Dates & Times – Date options discussed with Fr Mark. Future meetings will be held the Third Thursday of the month at 6:30 in Parish Center (HCS 5th grade classroom as back-up location).

Annual Fund: Discussed need to revitalize and market annual fund donation campaign. Don Norrenberns suggested we need to ensure we are still recognizing donors for both this and Empower. Matt Schroeder and Patrick Stumpf will contact Debbie Bunn to get more info.

Empower Contributions: Mr. Keefe provided update on Empower. There is an info meeting about how to people can get involved to help influence Illinois to keep

Empower being held at Althoff Aug 23rd. Empower POC will also come to open house. Losing Empower will very likely negatively impact enrollment at many schools in our Diocese.

For this year, HCS received a \$30K “challenge gift” to encourage matching donations four HCS applicants.

New Business

New Family Yard Signs: will be divided up and placed by board members. Mike Klein will send out list of addresses to board.

Sunday, August 13 – Blessing of Backpacks

Monday, August 14 – New Family Dinner / Open House

Wednesday, August 16 – First Day of Classes

August 25 – Fish Fry – Workers list due by August 15

Food Stand – Mike Klein

50/50 -Mike Brennan

Beer Stand / Beer Chips – Mike Schroeder/Elliot Dieters

Over/Under – Amy Uptergrove

Kids Games / Dunk Tank - Mykale Elbe

Soda / Desserts – Patrick Stumpf

Close Meeting – Closing Prayer: Amy Uptergrove

Executive Session – Mr. Keefe called an executive session to discuss possible support options requested for Pre-K student.

Next Meeting Date – Sep 21st, 6:30 pm in the Parish Center