

Holy Childhood of Jesus School

School Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 20th, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. (President Mike Klein)

Opening Prayer: Mike Klein

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

Guests: Brian Spears and Troy Gryga. Both are considering becoming board members

Approval of Previous Minutes: Ms. Uptergrove uploaded May meeting minutes to the Google Drive for review. Mike Brennan made motion to approves May minutes. Mickey Elbe (second).

Principal's Report (Mr. Keefe): Mr. Keefe discussed the Principal's report (attached).

- I. Items of emphasis
 - a. General Information:
 - i. There will be no school board meeting in July. All documents for school board meetings will continue to be shared via the Google Drive.
 - ii. Office will have summer hours. Mary Elmore will be in office one day a week over the summer if needed.
 - iii. Pre-K is at capacity. Mr. Keefe met with the Pre-K team to discuss logistics and teacher aids.
- II. Faith Formation
 - a. Teachers have chosen a theme (light) and virtue (respect) to focus on for the entire school year (no more monthly rotation).
- III. Curriculum & Extracurricular
 - a. There will not be an HCS Baseball team next year. Boy's basketball will be a co-op with Freeburg St Joe and St John schools.
 - b. No significant update on curriculum.

- IV. Employees & Employment
 - a. Math teacher position is still vacant. Mr. Keefe is actively recruiting, There is a contingency plan developed in the event a math teacher is not hired prior to the start of the school year.
 - b. A cafeteria position will be open next year. Mr. Keefe working on new schedule with Stacie Cornman.

- V. Facilities:
 - a. Mike Brennan provided an update on repairs and improvement projects. The heating and cooling has been completed in the gym.
 - b. The parking lot is being repaved late June by Kilian Corporation. The rosary will be repainted. Mr. Keefe is going to see what other things the students want painted on the parking lot for recess.

- VI. Technology:
 - a. The “technology use” plan has been developed.
 - b. Several board members asked if the possibility of exploring the possibility of implementing some type of “key boarding” instruction.

- VII. School in the Community
 - a. Schulte Garden is moving along well. Several families have come to pull weeds, water, etc. Family is working on a memorial bottle cap plaque.
 - b. Mr. Patriquin is helping to organize the HCS float for the Mascoutah Homecoming parade in Aug.

Organizational Reports

Athletics: The end of year Athletic banquet took place May 22nd. A new annual “wall award” was created to recognize outstanding accomplishments in soccer and honor Mike Lowry as the first HCS soccer coach. A big thank you to Mike Lowry as he concludes 8 years as a soccer coach.

HOPE: School Picnic event on May 17th was a success. Graduating seniors from Holy Childhood made a special appearance during the day which was fun and sentimental for all. There are plans to do this again next year.

Old Business

School Board Vacancies: Brian Spears and Troy Gryga are in attendance and considering becoming board members this summer. Board member changeover will occur at Aug meeting.

New Business

Upcoming Picnic Meeting: There will be a picnic meeting July 25th, 6:00. It was recommended that someone from the board attend for Fish Fry details. Mike Brennan and Don Norrenberns will be in attendance.

Fish Fry Workers List (Fri, Aug 23rd): Mike Klein went through Fish Fry duties. Board members should begin recruiting workers early Aug and sync sign up names with Stacie's worker board. Mike Klein will take care of the Fish fry stand. Over/Under (Uptergrove), Soda/Dessert (Stumpf), 50/50 (Brennan), Beer Tokens (Need filled), Beer Stand (Schroeder), Dunk tank/Playground (Elbe). Will review in more detail at Aug 1st meeting.

Scholarships: Don Norrenberns provided update on tuition scholarships. 23 families applied through the portal. Assistance was approved by the endowment committee.

Executive Session: Not required

Next Meeting Date: Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 1st, 2024, 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. There will be no School Board meeting in July.

Closing Prayer: Mykale Elbe

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 pm