

Holy Childhood of Jesus School

School Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 16th, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center

Call to Order: 6:32 p.m. (President Mike Klein)

Opening Prayer: Mike Brennan

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

Guests: N/A

Approval of Previous Minutes: Ms. Uptergrove will out April minutes on the Google Drive for review/approval.

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

- I. Items of emphasis
 - a. General Information:
 - i. All documents for school board meetings will now be shared via the Google Drive vs printed.
 - ii. School Photos: HCS will be switching from TSS to Interstate Photography next year.
 - iii. Several new families are coming in. The board discussed how we can better encourage parents to get to know other class parents in, especially younger grades, K-4.
 - iv. Mr. Keefe shared a letter of gratitude that was received by an 8th grade parent.
- II. Faith Formation – No report
- III. Curriculum & Extracurricular
 - a. Mr. Keefe is actively recruiting a math teacher. One interview set up for next week. Contingency plan is also being developed.
 - ELA Curriculum: Mr. Keefe concluded the curriculum review and has selected Open Court by McGraw Hill. Wolf Branch district is purchasing some of the leftover ARC books. Some books will go to Mrs. Uhl in the HCS library.
 - Additional curricula will be reviewed next year for various grades/subjects.

IV. Employees & Employment

- a. Math teacher position is still vacant. Mr. Keefe is actively recruiting and contingency plan is in development if a teacher is not hired over the summer. 7th Grade parents will be getting a letter about Algebra One.
- b. Cafeteria position will be open next year.
- c. A retirement party will be taking place next week for Mr. David Kerwin to thank him for his many years of service.

V. Facilities:

- a. Cleaning: There was discussion about the need for improved cleaning in many areas of the school. Mr. Keefe is working on the cleaning list tasks and exploring potential options for supplemental cleaning.
- b. Mike Brennan provided an update on repairs and improvement projects. The heating and cooling is being updated and should fix the water leak into the gym as well. The parking lot is being repaved mid to late June by Kilian Corporation.

VI. Technology: 6-8th grade will receive new Chromebooks next year as previously discussed.

VII. School in the Community

- a. Schulte Garden continues to develop, though there have been some rain delays. The garden will be a great learning experience next year.

Organizational Reports

Athletics: Congratulations to the track team for a great season and a new school record in relay event. The date for the end-of-year Athletic banquet is May 22nd.

HOPE: School Picnic event is planned and will take place tomorrow, May 17th. The first half of the day will take place with various outside and the yearbook signing in the afternoon. "8th grade send-off" will be at 2:50.

Old Business

School Board Vacancies: Board members to continue to spread the word about the three upcoming school board vacancies. Interested individuals should contact Fr Mark. Board member changeover will occur at Aug meeting.

Teacher Appreciation: Mr. Keefe is working on an outing to a Cardinals game for the teachers.

New Business

Last Day of School (May 22nd)

Budget: Don Norrenberns provided board members a copy of the budget to review. Tim is working to use Title funds to assist with extended Pre-K option.

Executive Session: Not required

Next Meeting Date: Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2024 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. There will be no School Board meeting in July.

Closing Prayer: Patrick Stumpf

Meeting Adjourned: 7:41 pm