



School Board Minutes

April 2025

Attendance: Tim Keefe, Fr. Mark (Absent), Mike Brennan, Matthew Schroeder (Absent), Mykale

Elbe, Amy Uptergrove, Patrick Stumpf, Brian Spears, Troy Gryga, Don Norrenberns (Absent)

Ex-Officio: Dan Cozzie

Guest: Paula Proffitt

Call to order: 6:30pm

Prayer: Dan Cozzie

Unable to review 3/2025 minutes: Motion made: Mike Brennan, all present approved.

Principles Report:

1. General Information
 - a. Loss of Pope Francis
 - b. Marie Lang- proud of community response and saddened for loss of community member and for their family.
 - i. Prayers and support continue
 - c. Prairie Fire (Federal Program, pending legislature vote)
 - i. Donate in money to support school choice \$1: \$1 Tax Credit
 1. Looking to use for 2026-2027
 - ii. What the ECCA Will Mean for Illinois
 1. Educational Choice for Children Act
 - iii. Memorial Day Weekend (is slated to be voted on)
 - iv. Illinois vs. Federal Government
 1. The unknown with state regulations and support for Chicago area vs. outside regions
 - v. We still set who gets what % (still use FACTS)
 - d. Final weeks for school
 - i. Draft of schedule to be presented to staff tomorrow and then sent out in weekly newsletter
 1. 5/4: First communion
 2. 5/5-5/9: Teacher Appreciation Week
 3. 5/14: Confirmation



- 4. 5/16: School Picnic
- 5. 5/17: 8th Grade Graduation
- 6. 5/21: HCS Athletic Banquet
- 7. 5/23: Final Day of School
- 8. IXL incentive
- e. Preparations for next year
 - i. Religious Theme
 - 1. Common Religion Program to this year
 - ii. Professional Development
 - 1. Every Wednesday will have more formalized PD
 - a. Religious Formation
 - b. Teacher collaboration
 - c. True professional development
- II. Faith Formation
 - a. First Communion and Confirmation
 - b. Pope Francis
- III. Curriculum & Extracurricular
 - a. Track Season
 - b. Curriculum collection from Diocese
 - i. Shared google drive for schools to share what they are using for curriculum.
 - ii. Getting into a cycle for review of curriculum
 - c. Washington DC Trip
 - i. Leave this Saturday with Church and Spaghetti Dinner before leaving
 - ii. A lot of fun activities plan
- IV. Employees & Employment
 - a. Hiring and movement
 - i. Shifting
 - ii. PreK Position is moving with potential candidates
 - 1. Will oversee 5 day full-day program
 - 2. 3 y/o 5 full day are full
 - 3. 4 y/o 5 full day are full
- V. Technology
 - a. Printers are in
 - i. Teachers are happy with them
- VI. Facilities
 - a. Abatement for windows
 - i. Plan is to do all windows besides cafeteria and gym windows.



- VII. School in the Community
 - a. "Mascot" bill
 - i. Receive public dollars
 - ii. What would be our next steps?
 - iii. Continue to monitor
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Chapter 2 of *Catholic School Playbook*
 - i. Finding the balance between curriculum vs. faith based education to support and prepare children.
 - ii. Executive functioning key to prepare children for High School and beyond.
- IX. New Business
 - a. New membership
 - i. 3 spots that will be terming out
 - ii. Potential new members come to the May meeting and then can come back in June if they are interested.
 - b. Spanish teacher
 - i. Teacher would be shared with another school and that school reports it is going well.
 - ii. Still looking into this option and if it would be worth it

Next school board meeting 5/15/25 at 6:30pm

Closing prayer: Dan Cozzie

Close of meeting: 7:41pm