

St Mary's Board of Education

January 21, 2025

Religion and Prayer Room

**Call to Order:** 7:02am- Dan K.

**Prayer:** James

**Present:** Dan Kirscht, Troy Sladek, James Turner, Kristen Faber, Jake Mach, Amanda Kietzmann, Fr. Dan Ruprecht, John Orme, Tammy Huss

**Absent:** Todd Wentworth, Fr. Matthew Kuhn

Welcome- John Orme

### **Recommended Action**

Routine Matters-

1. Approval of Agenda: Kristen made a motion to approve the agenda. James seconded. Motion approved
2. Approval of Minutes: Add Todd - under old business in the meeting participants with the Finance Council. Jake made a motion to approve the minutes with the discussed change. Kristen seconded. Motion approved.

\*\*Pre-typed summaries are made available to members before the meeting. Anything additional is mentioned here.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

Parent Advisory Council: Troy shared the minutes from the meeting. Conference meals are being planned and a St Mary's / PAC sponsored activity in Feb. TBD what the event is- possibly bowling.

ACCS Building/ Site Committee: Leasing from Vie is still short term and the end goal is one building K-12. They are actively marketing in the community for next school year enrollment.

### **Staff Reports**

Faith Formation:

- a. Tubing was postponed due to weather- over 30 kids were signed up. New date is 1/31/25.

- b. RCIA will become OCA. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

St Mary's School:

- a. The Calendar Raffle was due.
- b. Cast list was posted for Nemo.
- c. Troy had applied and got a \$40,000 grant for mental health. \$20,000 per year for two years. The trust fund covered Mrs. Rieber's salary for 24-25. The grant will cover the subsequent 2 years.
- d. Governor Walz has proposed tax cuts which will affect private education.
- e. Virtual medallion hunt - with alumni network during CSW

**Old Business**

1. Review of Bylaws: Dan passed out revised bylaws. Discussed. James made a motion to approve revised bylaws. Jake seconded it. Motion passed.
2. Board of Education Candidates: Troy will send the remaining list via email and we will discuss it at the next meeting.
3. Finance Council Proposal Recap:
  - i. Met before Fr. Matthew left. Working at agreeing on terms and numbers.
  - ii. Finance council is reviewing a letter that Dan and James worked on that will go out to families. We are waiting for them to move forward.

**New Business**

1. Enrollment Process and Policies-
  - i. Troy passed out proposed handout. Discussed.
2. Tuition 2025-26 -
  - i. Discussed the Finance Council's desire for another significant increase. Also, the goal to be at 95% of Dist. 206's teachers' pay. We will come back to tuition at the next meeting.
3. Catholic Schools Week- Troy passed out CSW schedule
4. Kindergarten Registration and Personal Invites-

- i. 44 students have been identified as potential kindergarteners from our Parish for the 25-26 school year. The plan is to divide the list and make some personal calls to inform, listen, and invite. Troy will distribute this list after the Kindergarten Meeting.

### **Information & Proposals**

1. Pastoral Council Update: Jake reported the diocese is looking to mandate each ACC to have a 12 member committee- separate from the council in the ACC. This is a part of the "All things new" initiative that the diocese has rolled out and more info can be found on their website. Fr. Matthew will appoint these members. <https://stcdio.org/all-things-new-resources/>

### **Future Business**

Next Meeting Date: February 18, 2025 7am.

**Adjournment:8:20am**

Minutes submitted by Amanda Kietzmann on 1/21/25