

St Mary's Board of Education

February 18, 2025

Religion and Prayer Room

Call to Order: 7:02am- Dan

1. Prayer: Kristen
2. **Present:** Dan Kirscht, Troy Sladek, Kristen Faber, Jake Mach, Amanda Kietzmann, Fr. Dan Ruprecht, John Orme, Tammy Huss, Todd Wentworth
3. **Absent:** Fr. Matthew Kuhn, James Turner

Recommended Action

Routine Matters-

1. Approval of Agenda: Dan made a motion to approve the agenda. Kristen seconded. Motion approved.
2. Approval of Minutes: Kristen made a motion to approve the minutes. Jake seconded. Motion approved.

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

Sub-Committee Reports

1. Parent Advisory Council: No Meeting
2. ACCS Building/ Site Committee: James not present to report.

Staff Reports

1. Faith Formation:
 - Tammy clarified the numbers of youth activities to highlight the St Mary's kids vs surrounding parishes. Overall good participation.
2. St Mary's School
 - Finished conferences 2/17
 - Will begin reviewing Math Curriculum

Old Business

1. Catholic Raffle Sales Report- only 40 tickets that were not sold. Increase in revenue compared to last year. Total >\$43,000
2. Catholic Schools Week Recap, Virtual Medallion Hunt: 45 people engaged on social media for the virtual hunt.
3. Kindergarten Registration Recap, Personal Invite Feedback- 9 more spots open in Kindergarten for 25-26 year. Dan and Amanda personally reached out to the list of parishioners that hadn't had a tour or were a current family registered before the meeting. We will continue the personal invite in future years. Overall, the pool of potential Kindergartens is smaller than in past years. Members of the BOE were encouraged to keep inviting families to check out SMS, particularly Kindergarten, for 2025-26.
4. Finance Information Letter Update- Dan and James have been working on a letter. Dan met with Craig Olson recently.

New Business

1. Sixth Grade Enrollment Projection- During conferences, the 5th grade teachers got a grasp on the numbers for next year. Twenty-eight students are going to stay. Eleven are undecided and three are a hard no.

--Discussion on the factors families consider in making a school choice decision.
2. Tuition and Registration Timeline-

--Dan shared some graphs, numbers, and thoughts that he has been wrestling with. Lengthy discussion.

--Todd shared how there are big increases in property taxes and health insurance.

--Todd will talk about timeline with the Finance Council tonight(2/18). Dan will keep the lines of communication with Craig open.

Information & Proposals

1. Pastoral Council Update: ACC planning council(not fully formed yet) - will meet March 22.

Future Business

Next Meeting Date: March 18, 2025 7am.

Adjournment:8:18am

Minutes submitted by Amanda Kietzmann on 2/18/25