

ASCA School Board Meeting

March 24, 2015

Members Present:

Steve Lalonde	Dana Menendez	Lori Steiner	Regis Watson
Jennifer Nolan	Debbie Kosmach	Paul Weinewuth	Wayne Klein
Jeff Berta			

Ex-officio Members Present:

Dr. Sandy Renehan Fr. Dick Smith

Others Present:

Mili Jain Kurt Gregus Dave Nirtaut

Prayer and Scripture Reflection: Steve Lalonde led us in a reflection on the gospel.

Regular Business:

Approval of Minutes – February Meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor's Comments

Fr. Dick Smith had nothing to report.

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Board of Trustees Report

No one present

Athletic Association Report

Kurt Gregus / Dave Nirtaut

- Kurt introduced Dave Nirtaut to the School Board, as the new Athletic Association President beginning next fall for the 2015-16 school year. Other new members to the ASAA Board will be Bobby Menendez who will replace Mike Gard in Finance and Erica Baka will replace Vicky Perry as Communications Coordinator.
- ASAA is going to be putting Spiritwear online. This will help prevent having leftover inventory. There will be both school and athletic attire available. The representative for this online site will be at the next ASAA meeting on April 16th. All are welcome to attend her presentation.
- ASAA is looking for someone with a technology background to maintain the ASCASports.org website. This person will work directly with the communications coordinator and maintain the site. This will be the go to place for all ASCA Sports announcements, banquet information, etc.
- The ASAA will also submit their working budget to the School Board Finance committee prior to the April 15th Finance committee meeting.
- Goals for the ASAA is to look at the need to replace/add uniforms for the younger grades; possibly a sound system upgrade in the gym; and the completion of the logo on the gym floor this summer. After this they will begin work on a 3-5 year plan of what they would like to accomplish.

Principal's Report

Dr. Renehan

- Security Audit update: The results of the Audit along with suggestions will be reviewed at the Board of Trustees meeting and then brought to the School Board. But many things they suggested have already been implemented. For instance, staff to wear safety vests at the morning drop off and afternoon pick up; completing reverse drills, etc.
- Review of the proposed 2015-16 School Calendar. The calendar was approved.
- Partners in Education will be held on Wednesday, November 4th. All School Board Members should plan on attending.
- GMA (Gym, Music, Art) Grading: A follow up to the proposal made in the October School Board meeting, that "Specials" (Gym, Music, Art) should be given a letter grade rather than credit/no credit, was discussed. The current credit system was established because of the 3 day rotation. The proposal includes that each class would base their grades on a combination of participation effort and attitude to reach a final grade. The teachers have requested a letter grade to be giving in these classes for students to have more consideration and add value to their classes.
 - The new proposal was brought forth that letter grades are to be given in each of these subjects but when calculated in to Honor Roll or 8th Grade Honors each letter grade will only contribute 1/3 of the actual full grade for all three subjects.
 - It was also proposed that a grade that falls below a C in one of these classes would not be counted towards suspension of participation in Athletics or School Activities. Discussion of other options including a

“Meets/Exceeds/Needs Improvement” system to be implemented, as done in other schools, including public schools. Our current report card system does not allow for this to be set up.

- It has been suggested that before deciding to move to a grading system that the teachers in these subjects have more communication with parents and students as to what is taking place in their class. This will begin by these teachers contributing to the classroom/Jr. High newsletter weekly. This will serve as an outlet for the teachers to promote their class and curriculum.
- Dr. Renehan will also solicit parent feedback regarding implementation of grades in these subjects prior to any decision moving forward.
- Teachers in these subjects are to revise the Grade Rubric, presented at the October meeting, for a better understanding of how grading will be completed to ensure it is not subjective, before a decision regarding grading or credit/non-credit can be voted on by the Board.
- Dr. Renehan to also look at the option of having each class have a grade on the open grade book (SchoolSpeaks), but then close it at the end of the quarter to provide only credit/no credit. This will give parents and students a better idea of where they are throughout the quarter and if improvement is needed.
- More promotion to meet with GMA teachers during Parent/Teacher conferences was also suggested.
- Hot Lunch Update: Dr. Renehan has been in touch with (4) different vendors to provide a new hot lunch program for our students and staff. These vendors would be able to provide a better quality lunch for a slightly higher price, as they are not funded by the government. If we decide to go with one of these vendors promoting their quality and appealing menu would be important, including having them offer a tasting of their products to our families, possibly at the Meet & Greet. The other option would be to bid out a government funded provider but the quality and federal regulations would keep the selection of food items and quality similar to what we have now.
- Goals: Each Committee should start looking at their goals and compare them to the Strategic Plan to look forward to next year and ensure our goals are properly aligned for the new school year. Review of the current goals and progress should be looked at to see what should be improved. This should be ready for the May meeting. Ideally this should be completed 2 weeks prior to the May meeting for all Board members to review in advance and come prepared to the May meeting.

School/Home/Parish Partnership (SHPP) Report

Mili Jain

- The Spring Book Fair had \$9,269.26 in sales with a profit of \$2,317.32 for the Library. This revenue was down slightly due to Scholastic dropping off the books an hour later than planned and picking up inventory an hour earlier than planned. This hurt sales slightly. This year, however, the Jr. High was able to come down to shop and Pre-school was able to shop due to the Book Fair being open all day. This helped with additional sales. SHPP will discuss with Scholastic what transpired and try to fix for the Fall Book Fair which will be held October 12-16th.
- Dinner Dance Auction – the DDA had it’s largest attendance of 373 attendees, with 100 more guests than previous year high of 273 guests.
- SHPP is working with Mr. Busche for Field Day upgrades to provide more games and activities for 3rd – 5th grade and Jr. High. A plan will be in place by the next meeting.
- Daddy/Daughter Dance planning is going strong. Decorations and gift items have been ordered.
- Faith Formation newsletter will be bought back if there is enough in the budget for it, waiting on pricing information
- A lot of interest has been discussed regarding a Mother/Daughter event. This new event will be tested next school year. The event will be held of school grounds and will have it’s own budget. If there is enough interest, this could become a regular event in addition a Father/Son outing could also be planned.
- Grandparents day planning is underway. It was suggested that Jr. High students stay in their homerooms rather than moving classes for ease of the grandparents visiting. SHPP to further investigate if this is a viable option. Also to ensure “no child left behind”, if a grandparent is unable to attend an Aunt, Uncle or special relative may fill in, however no parents are allowed.
- Community Outreach will be planting (2) trees on April 22nd.
- A non-school sponsored Relay for Life team has been formed to honor Mrs. K’s battle with cancer. Ann Zediker is organizing this team named “Power of Prayer”. A flier will go out and more information can be found at www.ascevents.org

New Business:

No new business to report at this meeting.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee

Dana Menendez / Lori Steiner

- Math literacy meetings will start up again in the fall.

Finance Committee Report

Diane Huber/Regis Watson/Paul Weinewuth

- The Finance Committee will be working on the budget in the upcoming month after the Diocese receives final approval from the DOJ Finance Council. They will then meet on April 15th as a committee to put final touches on the budget and if needed meet on April 21st to finalize the budget that will be presented at a joint Board of Trustees/School Board meeting on April 28th.

Marketing Committee

Debbie Kosmach/Jennifer Nolan

- The committee reviewed each parish's CSW masses /celebrations and CSW open house. Discussed what works at each parish and where we can improve for next year.
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- Further discussion of Enrollment & Enrollment Initiatives – Baptism Outreach, Referral Incentives & Relevant Radio Half Price Tuition Program and/or other programs incentives
- Discussion of Community Building and Exposure Events - Memorial Day Parade, Parish Events, Open Gym, ASCA Fun Run, ASCA Cultural Showcase

Facilities Committee

Wayne Klein/Jeff Berta

- Nothing to Report

Technology Committee

Steve Lalonde

- Debbie Tompson led the recent Technology committee meeting. They are working on getting a device for each child in all grades. iPads for the younger grades and chrome books for the older grades. The main focus is to be cognoscente of a renewal program and to make sure a replacement plan is in set for when upgrades need to be made on devices. They are looking at the budget and working on setting this program in place. The “raise the paddle” funding at the DDA raised over \$20,000 for this technology initiative. The Technology committee will make suggestions to the Finance committee of how and where to best use these funds to achieve the goal.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Dick closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 28, 2015