

ASCA School Board Meeting March 22, 2016

School Board Members Present:

Jennifer Nolan	Wayne Klein	Dana Menendez	Regis Watson
Lori Steiner	Steve Lalonde	Debbie Kosmach	Shante Nolan

Ex-officio Members Present:

Dr. Sandy Renehan Fr. Don McLaughlin

Others Present:

Patty Bajek	Diane Huber	Dave Nirtaut	Mili Jain
Kristy Wagester			

Prayer and Scripture Reflection: Jennifer led us in a prayer.

Regular Business:

Approval of Minutes – February School Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Athletic Association Report

Dave Nirtaut

- Basketball finished up with their banquet last week. We changed the format of the banquet and it worked well.
- Track & Field season is starting. There was a conflict with the North Central College facility for our practices so we had to secure another location. We will now use Waubonsie and Marmion for our practices and we will co-host our meet with Ss. Peter and Paul at Marmion.

School/Home/Parish Partnership (SHPP) Report

Mili Jain

- Two dates have been finalized for Dr. Renehan's retirement parties. The first will be Adults only in the evening of May 12th and the other will be for families from 12pm – 4pm on June 1st. Both events will be held at the school. Evites will be sent out soon.
- The Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held on April 9th. Currently have 321 dads and daughters scheduled to attend.
- The Mother/Son Wolves game was attended by 181 mothers and sons. SHPP is exploring other options for a mothers/son outing and are open to suggestions.
- Hospitality held a "high tea" for the teachers. Upcoming they will host a pizza afternoon for the teachers on April 15th.
- Faith Formation sub-committee is still looking for a committee chairperson.
- The book fair was a big success once again with over \$9,000 in sales and over \$2,000 going directly to our library.

Pastor's Comments

Fr. Don McLaughlin

- Fr. Don thanked everyone for the prayers and thoughts as he was healing from his unexpected medical time.
- Update to the Principal search: The Diocese is in the process of doing the criminal background check on the final candidate. The candidates are not currently a Principal in the Diocese of Joliet, nor were any of the 4 finalists. Therefore until this is completed (approx. 2-3 weeks for results) the new Principal cannot be announced. As soon as this information is complete he will release the announcement.
- The Executive Committee approved the School Board Constitution Changes as presented.

Board of Trustees Report

Matt Gambs

No one present / Fr. Don provided report

- The Board of Trustees added in their Constitution that when a person's term is up that the Pastor can appoint an emeritus position (non-voting) that would keep vital members involved.

Principal's Report

Dr. Renehan

- Bosh/Bosh was here with presentations to the students and each grade level and will continue to go class to class during their visit with us to talk about their mission.
- The Standards for Excellence final meeting is scheduled for Good Friday. Therefore we will know of our approval when we return from break.
- We have 87% (63 total students) of our 8th grade class that will go on to a Catholic High School in the fall. We are now the top feeder school to Benet Academy with 32 of these students going there. Others will also attend St. Francis, Marmion and Montini.
- The School Board is being asked to approve a Fundraiser for Athletics to occur in the Fall. They are looking at bringing back the Trivia Night fundraiser. This was approved.
- The school is often approached by businesses to advertise directly to our school families. Standard Market has approached us and is looking to by offering discounted coffee or after school promotions to families that shop there on certain days or times. However, due to the privacy policy with our families and to not inundate families with a multitude of businesses this was not approved and we will not promote this or any business directly to our families.

New Business:

- Kristy Wagester was introduced to the School Board as one of the new chairs to the School's Spiritwear program along with Lindsay Augustine. Kristy showed off the two new initial roll out initiatives of the committee. The first being a new, bigger, yard sign for our school families to show off their school spirit in their neighborhoods. In addition the Spiritwear team is rolling out a new line of Spiritwear from Lands End. This line will have both the traditional embroidered school logo as well as a "bling" sparkly logo that can be added to a variety of items from polo shirts, to beach towels, tote bags, sweatshirts and more. The website will be unveiled soon. In addition, school families may purchase Lands End SCRIP and use it towards their Spiritwear purchases. The 16% return would apply to their Fundraising commitment.
- Nominations and Elections of School Board President and Vice President / President Elect.
 - Anne Marie Cronin was nominated. However, she needed to check with the Diocese to ensure this would not be a conflict of interest with her current role at the Diocese.
 - Fr. Don nominated Jennifer Nolan to remain the President for an additional year due to the transition of the Principal role. The Board approved Jennifer to remain as President and she accepted the appointment.
 - Dana Menendez was nominated as the Vice President / President Elect for the 2016-17 school year and will assume the President role in the 2017-18 school year.
 - Nominations being accepted for the role of Secretary and will be voted on in the April meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee Report

Diane Huber / Regis Watson

- Received Healthcare benefits letter. Diane and Dr. Renehan are to meet with all teachers and support staff to review these changes.
- The salary structure has also been received and Dr. Renehan is currently working on contracts.
- The Financial Report Summary is on track and trending as expected.
- The Committee continues to work on the budget model with new information and tracking where it needs to be. Next month's meeting we will present the proposed Budget to both the School Board and Board of Trustees.

Education Committee

Lori Steiner / Dana Menendez

- STEM night coming up. Looking to support this great night and encourage all to attend.

Marketing Committee

Patty Bajek/Anne Marie Cronin/Debbie Kosmach

- Unveiling of the new Spiritwear options with Lands End and the new yard signs. More to come with Spiritwear. Welcome to our committee Kristy Wagester and Lindsay Augustine.
- Working on continued registrations from Open House and re-enrollment with new families.
- Rolling out a new referral program or "Bring a Buddy" to All Saints.
- Fees and forms packets to go home in May, as usual.

Technology Committee

Steve Lalonde / Mrs. Thomson

- Highlights the main goal is the 1-1 plan for every grade level, whether it's iPads, Chromebooks or Desktop Computers. Studies have shown these skills are needed to build at each level.
- Almost all the room are filled:
 - K – 2: iPads
 - 3 – 4: Chromebooks
 - 5th & Jr. High: almost all have a device, but need to fill a few gaps.
- Looking at the Teacher's tech needs in the classroom and what is needed.
- Smartboards are starting to fail. Need to look at replacement options and document cameras.

Facilities Committee

Wayne Klein/Shante Nolan/Jeff Berta

- Looking at additional striping when we re-stripe the parking lot this summer. Look adding more detail to the "merge area" and one way only sign by Door 7.
- Pot hole patching was completed during Spring Break. Regular repair will be completed over the summer.

Next School Board Meeting:

Joint meeting with the Board of Trustees to discuss and approve the 2016-17 Budget.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Don closed the meeting with a prayer.**The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, 2016**