

ASCA School Board Meeting

January 27, 2015

Members Present:

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

Ex-officio Members Present:

Dr. Sandy Renehan	Fr. Dick Smith
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Others Present:

Patty Bajek	Diane Huber	Kurt Gregus	Jerry Kyle
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Prayer and Scripture Reflection: Steve Lalonde led us in a reflection on the gospel.

Regular Business:

Approval of Minutes – October 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

Principal's Report

Dr. Renehan

- Amy Logan, the Author of *A Girl with a Cape* and *A Girl with a Cape and her Jar of Pennies*, will be visiting with our students on Monday, February 23rd. These books are great inspirational stories on how we can all be everyday heroes. She will speak to Preschool through 4th graders about kindness and paying it forward. She will do a separate presentation to the 5th through 8th graders focusing on leadership, mentoring and setting a good example. Thank you to SHPP and the CORE Team for the opportunity to have Ms. Logan in our school.
- Gates use for Technology is a cutting edge computer based program that we have been selected to use for a 5-8 week program with post-program testing. Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 will have the opportunity to utilize it for more Language Arts whereas 4th grade will have Language Arts and Math applications. This program has no cost to us, but allows us access to the technology.
- All the work for our Standards for Excellence accreditation is being completed. The AdvanceEd work is ongoing and being given to the Diocese. Site visits for these should occur next Fall.
- We will review the Iowa Test Results in next month's meeting.

School/Home/Parish Partnership (SHPP) Report

No one present from SHPP for this meeting. Dr. Renehan shared the following on their behalf:

- A special thank you to SHPP for helping when the Poster Printer broke
- Upcoming Events:
 - February 21st – Mother / Son Wolves Outing and
 - February 23rd – Amy Logan speaker

Athletic Association Report

Kurt Gregus / Jerry Kyle

- 80% of 5th – 8th Graders participate in at least one sport at our school. This is more than double the national average
- This season we will be hosting 17 playoff games.
- A proposal was presented for the Athletics logo to be painted center-court on the gym floor. The logo would be 10'8" x 5'5". The process includes an automated stencil, one day to clean the floor, followed by 3 days for the logo to set once applied—no one can walk on the floor until it is set. Time of one week should be blocked off to be safe. A vendor quote was presented, with artist renderings and dimensions. Proposal was approved to proceed.
- An additional proposal was presented to purchase "Saints" folding chairs to be placed courtside for each team, score keepers, refs, admissions and concessions. A total of 36 chairs. The chairs have a navy blue frame and seat cushion. The upper back support of the chairs would be white with the navy "Saints" Logo imprinted on each one. Proposal was approved for purchase.
- Both the gym floor logo and the chairs will be funded completely by Athletics.

New Business:

- **Hot Lunch Program:** A proposal was made to look at our current hot lunch program and to possibly bid out new providers for comparison. Dr. Renehan to solicit family feedback on the current hot lunch program in the upcoming newsletter. A decision will be made by the April meeting if we should proceed with looking at new providers, based on family feedback.
- **FACTs Only Program** – Patty Bajek is in the process of finalizing this process. The next steps are to set up our expectations and the billing process with FACTs Management and then educating our families to the benefits this program will offer once underway.
- **Enrollment** – Without knowing current registration numbers yet, as the Open Enrollment just began and we are waiting on current families to re-register, we will need to project 2 sections for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. As enrollment comes together there is room for growth to a third section. The current 4th – 8th Grades will be forecasted for 3 sections each, as they are currently, unless this needs to be reviewed when enrollment numbers become more firm. Kindergarten currently caps at 21 students. The teachers have asked that this number be made an “even” number for ease of pairing of students. The Board has agreed to not necessarily increase the current cap but to review class size numbers as needed if there is a need to exceed beyond 21 but not to exceed 26, with the potential of bringing in an Aid.
- **Fundraising** – A further discussion was made to determine if a committee should be added under the direction of the School Board for fundraising. This committee would be made up of the groups that most frequently ask for fundraising opportunities (Athletics, SHPP, etc) but led by a School Board Member as it would ultimately report to the Board. This committee would coordinate an activities calendar to ensure fundraising events do not overlap and/or saturate the marketplace/donors. The committee would need to understand the Development Committee’s ongoing activities and goals. They would also look for feedback/analyze the fundraisers to ensure profitability, determine who benefited from the event, the purpose of the event and where did the revenues come from/go to. The consistency, clarity and communication of the events should also be reviewed by this committee. Events presented to the School Board for approval should be submitted on a master form and should include expenditures, committee plan, and who benefits from the funds raised (athletics, scholarship, SHPP, etc.). Currently, the approval of fundraising will remain directly under the School Board umbrella and events will continue to be approved by the board until a further agreement/committee can be established.
- **Parent Survey** – The remaining topics of the Parent Survey have been reviewed and discussed. Steve Lalonde, School Board President, will address this in the next Principal’s newsletter including a review of the 6 Belief Statements our school was founded on and its diversity. In the future, the Diocese will be sending out a Parent Survey. We can add questions to it or tailor it to our school.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee

- Reviewed curriculum from presentations. The teachers will now teach from both before making a final decision on the reading curriculum. A decision should be formulated by the February meeting.

Technology Committee

- Debbie Thompson and the committee had two meetings (12/16 and 1/12). They reviewed the Strategic Plan and had conversations about what technology kids are using currently (Google vs Microsoft, printers, devices, etc).
- Three priorities were set: 1) making sure we have the right type of end user technology; 2) the correct ratio; and 3) looking at a replacement strategy once all grades are full.
- They are working on goals for K-8. What the learning objectives are for each grade level (i.e.: what age is appropriate for keyboarding, spreadsheet analysis, etc).
- There will be a “Call for Cash” at the Dinner Dance Auction this year as well to benefit technology in more grade levels/classrooms.

Marketing Committee

Patty Bajek/Anne Marie Cronin/Debbie Kosmach

- **Catholic Schools Week Masses** – Each of our supporting parishes held Catholic Schools Week masses this past weekend and our students were at the forefront of these masses.
- **Open House** – The open house this past weekend had a tremendous turnout of approximately 35 families during our two hour open house. We had potential students view our school, for all grade levels and from all parishes. The open house was advertised in the Parish Bulletins, TribLocal, and an email blast with the Naperville Mom’s Network. A special thank you to all the families that helped with the parish masses or at the open house to make this a wonderful event and showcase of our school.
- **Current Registration** – Registration packets for our current families have gone out and are due back in the next week.

Facilities Committee

Wayne Klein

- Nothing to Report

Finance Committee Report

Diane Huber/Regis Watson/Paul Weinewuth

- Review of Financial Report Summary.
- Budget guidelines due to Business Managers by February 11th. The budget will be finalized in March and presented to the Board in April.

Next Meeting:

- Iowa Testing
- Further discussion and conclusion of the GMA Grading Rubric

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

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 24, 2015