

ASCA School Board Meeting May 26, 2015

School Board Members Present:

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

Ex-officio Members Present:

Dr. Sandy Renehan Fr. Dick Smith

Others Present:

Patty Bajek Diane Huber

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

Regular Business:

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

Pastor's Comments

Fr. Dick Smith

Fr. Dick Smith had nothing to report.

Board of Trustees Report

No one present and nothing to report.

Athletic Association Report

No one present but Steve Lalonde reported the following on their behalf:

- Track and Field season has concluded and their banquet is taking place today.
- Online Registration for all Athletic teams in the 2015-16 school year is currently taking place.
- Spiritwear for next year will be online. The Athletic Association is wrapping up the details on this.
- The All Saints Athletic Logo will be placed on the center court of the gym floor over the summer.

SHPP Report

No one present and nothing to report.

Principal's Report

Dr. Renehan

- The 2015 graduates had a nice week leading up to their graduation ceremony, which was a wonderful evening celebrating all of their academic successes at ASCA.
- The remainder of this school year is winding down with Field Days and mass on Friday. The Principal's newsletter, that will be sent out tomorrow is the final newsletter for this school year, will announce all staff changes including Mrs. Saul's retirement. With her retirement the 5th grade teachers will take back Language Arts and teach this in their homerooms rather than traveling to the other 5th grade classrooms for specific subjects.
- "Specials" / GMA Grading – Packets of class outlines and rubrics were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting to be reviewed in advance. Grading of Gym, Music & Art was approved by the board as a pilot/trial program, to be reviewed at the end of the 2015-16 school year and determined if it should continue to be graded going forward. The goal is to motivate by achievement.
 - The grade for each of these subjects will be weighted as 1/3 as they will see three separate grades on the card This grade will have no impact on participation in after-school Athletics, but will be factored in to the students overall GPA.
 - The grades will be based on participation and effort along with skills assessments and assessments required by the Diocese.
 - The GMA teachers will be present and contribute in Curriculum night, Parent/Teacher Conferences, etc.
 - They will utilize SchoolSpeaks and/or Classroom newsletters to regularly communicate classroom activities, needs and homework.
 - They will make themselves available to parents for meetings and/or students needing extra help.
 - The details with specifics will be presented to parents at Curriculum night in the beginning of the new school year.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee Report

Diane Huber/Regis Watson/Paul Weinewuth

Review of year end budget projections. The Board approved a small surplus to be put to the Capital Building Reserve account.

Education / Curriculum Committee Report

Lori Steiner / Dana Menendez

The new reading curriculum will be rolled out in the new school year. The teachers are prepared and ready to share this with their students.

Enrollment/Marketing Committee Report

Anne-Marie Cronin/Debbie Kosmach/Patty Bajek

- A new family welcome team is in working on reaching out to parents and new families to our school for the upcoming year.
- Working with parishes to obtain new parishioner data and market to them.
- Working on a marketing piece to coincide with our mail campaign aimed at targeting new students
- Continuing to use the annual survey from the Diocese to improve on areas of concern with our school families and to increase the retention of our students/families.
- Tracking exit surveys for additional areas of improvement as well.
- Board approved use of Linked-In private group to move forward.
- Looking at initiative to track alumni.

Technology Committee Report

Steve Lalonde

- Working to integrate the right amount of type of technology for each student based on the learning objective of their grade level. iPads in K-2 for learning creatively; chrome environment from grades 3-8. The earlier grades of 3-5 will utilize office products in addition to desktops in computer lab. While the middle schoolers will continue to increase their use with chrome books and utilize more applications.
- Also looking at a long term replacement strategy and what that budget should look like to stay on top of the changing technology needs. Recently the technology fee and “call for cash” at the DDA was used for this purpose.
- Review and take a look at what the teachers are using their classrooms. This is a goal for the upcoming school year.

Facilities Committee Report

Wayne Klein / Jeff Berta

Meeting with Diane Huber on June 8th to create a master list of projects, other than the parking lot, to set priority list.

New Business:

- Take a look at the current 2nd grade class, with a decrease in enrollment, this grade is looking at going down to two sections as they enter 3rd grade. There has been a considerable interest in this grade level, so as we move forward in to the summer months we will need to review, via email or special meeting, if a third section should be added.
- Two candidates running for next year’s School Board President. Bios of each candidate and a vote via email will take place in the next month.
- A special thank you to Paul Weinewuth as he concludes his years of service as a School Board member.

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

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 14, 2015