

School Committee Minutes

August 9, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Present: Cindy Gaudion, Cindy Robinson, Joe Siekierski, Matt DeMarais, Jeff Bajczyk, Paul Graff, Ben Holzem, Barb Romanello

Absent: Fr. Chuck, Pat Donahue, Ed Brady

Golf Outing: The weather was perfect and the people who participated had a grand time. It was reported that 62 people golfed and 102 people stayed for dinner and auction. Gina Rhodes did a fabulous job coordinating the event with guidance from Cindy Gaudion. Financial numbers were not all in, but an estimate of \$22,000.00 was raised through the live auction, \$10,000.00 down from previous year.

Retirements, Principal's Report, and Teachers: Ms. Migliacco, Ms. Mickel, and Ms. Pohlen retired, while Ms. Chadek, Ms. Zuelke, and Ms. Koscinski took other jobs. All current openings have been filled and Mr. Holzem is very excited about the new hirings and their skill sets they each bring to St. Paul School.

Futura will no longer be the company used for Spanish. Mr. Holzem has contracted Ms. D (former Technology teacher) to teach Spanish across all grade levels, and Music will be a 2 day a week program through the WI Conservatory of Music. This program will entail two licensed music teachers who bring jazz and piano to the forefront. This new program will go hand in hand with our current band program.

Ms. Blonien will be the new lead teacher in charge. She will assist Mr. Holzem wherever needed. St. Paul's is lucky to have her.

Technology will no longer be a separate class, but will be incorporated into the classroom. The school has 24 Chrome Books, 12 mini I Pads, and a cart of portable laptops along with the computer lab itself.

Kelly Kramer has taken over the office and has been committed to the daily activities which go along with office chaos.

Mr. Holzem detailed the enrollment numbers and has put in countless hours meeting with parents and students to retain as many families as we can. The lower grade numbers are good; however the Middle School numbers are not. St. Paul's is coordinating resources to give a wider advantage to our students.

There are many ideas in the works – such as growing the tuition assistance fund, bringing in more Choice students, opportunities for alumni, and advertising in other parishes without schools. The idea was brought up about having “children’s bags” available for church. The contents could include coloring pages, books, and a card. Congratulatory Baptismal cards were also brought up made by the students and anniversary card remembering their Baptism should be sent out.

Committee Reports:

Technology: We will once again train students to use Facebook. This was highly successful and students did a great job with this. Ms. Kramer also will help out with posting information for St. Paul as students post activities.

Our website needs constant updating to be a viable site for outsiders as well as school families and parishioners.

No other committee reports were presented.

8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Romanello