

## **School Committee Minutes**

**March 12, 2018**

**Present:** Matt DeMarais, Ally Blonien, Julie Pfeil, Chad Bartell, Cindy Robinson, Gina Rhodes, James Maloney, Jim Myers, Janel Welscher, Crystal Januchowski, Sherri Meyers, Jim Dunlap, John Morgan, John Shanahan, Barb Romanello

**Absent:** Rick Drolet

**Minutes:** February Minutes were approved.

**Town Hall Recap:** Jim Dunlap told the committee the Viability Committee changed its variables after the Town Hall meeting:

The school will remain open for grades 3K-8.

The partnerships for 4K will continue with an annual review of contract.

A committee will be hiring a dynamic, capable full time principal befitting the needs of St. Paul.

The school will establish a Marketing committee.

The school will continue the Before and After school program.

The school will rethink of ways to brand St. Paul (i.e. SW Waukesha County Catholic School) and its partnership with other Catholic Schools.

School Committee falls under the Pastoral Council and has guidelines and norms to guide us with the school's responsibility. Jim Dunlap passed out the guidelines and norms. Problems arise with switches in committee members as well as administration and pastors. Guidelines should be reviewed each year, so members know the responsibility to the committee.

**Short Term Action Plan:** Ally and John S. presented the breakdown of enrollment for the 2017-18 year and the 2018-19 school year. St. Paul will have one 3K classroom, two 4K classrooms, 5K-3 split, and 4-7 grade split, and 3-part time aides. Discussion on just how the plan will look was also detailed by John and Matt. The Personal Learning Environment will be integrated using a block scheduling technique to allow for flexibility between skill and ability levels. The aides will not only be working with 4K, but throughout the building. The aide

structure will be reviewed to accommodate the new plan. As budget constricts St. Paul, looking outside the box will be necessary. Resources for each level will be considered and planned for as well as professional development for the Personal Learning Environment.

To better understand the plan for next year, Matt gave several scenarios to ease some of the tensions which parents are having. One scenario would be to envision the 2-teacher split into 3 cohorts: 5K-1, 2-4, and 5-7. Moving students in and out of levels in a block schedule allows for abilities to be met. It also allows teachers, who may have a specialty, to teach in the specific area.

**3D Printer:** The printer has been ordered. The committee was excited to hear of this. Discussion arose about why it was necessary for the principal to get permission for the printer considering the grant received covered the cost. Sherri explained the reason for the delay was due to the lack of enrollment and the Finance Committee felt it would be better to wait. John Morgan apologized for the lack of communication and it will not happen again.

There seems to be a break down between different groups and the response to different information.

Sherri also reported on an \$8,000.00 grant received for tuition.

**Action Steps:** Moving forward a letter needs to be sent out informing families of the decision to stay open, continuing our 4K partnerships, and what the plan for next year looks like, detailing information.

**Scrip:** Scrip will be sold after mass on every other weekend. A calendar was given to families.

**Fish Fry:** March 16 Fish Fry is looking well-staffed. Decorations are up, fiddler is scheduled, and St. Patrick prayer cards will be handed out.

**Home and School:** There is nothing on the agenda until the Teacher Appreciation Lunch in May. Budget will be finalized by Friday. Golf Outing will be the next big event to plan – no date has been set.

**Ministry Fair:** On April 28-29 after 5:30 and 9:00 masses, all ministries will be available to provide information on relative groups in the parish and school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Romanello