

Joint School Committee Minutes

March 13, 2017

Present: Jeff Bajczyk, Pat Donahue, Ben Holzem, Rick Drolet, Paul Graff, James Maloney, Julie Pfeil, Mary Taggett (plus 3 members of St. Bruno's Committee), Barb Romanello

Absent: Ed Brady, Erin Heaton Francisco, Chad Bartell, Matt DeMarais, Cindy Gaudion, Cindy Robinson, Alex Milovic, Fr. Dan

Meeting was held at St. Bruno and prayer was led by Jeff Bajczyk

Old Business

A discussion and review of the Strategic Goals took place. The goals should state that both schools will increase enrollment and strive for quality faith based education. After throwing out ideas the main goal will be stated much like our Mission Statement. Our goals are: "To have a strong foundation as a faith community committed to the advancement of quality education while incorporating a funded School Choice Program" and "To increase enrollment". Are these measurable? The School Committee will continue to visit these goals.

New Business

Janice Carpenter, who is the **Track and Field Coordinator** for St. Bruno, gave a brief presentation of the track program. St. Bruno is hoping to coordinate efforts for a joint St. Bruno/St. Paul team. Currently 2 St. Paul students have signed up and Ms. Carpenter is hoping for more. Practice will be on Tuesdays at St. Bruno and Thursdays at St. Paul beginning March 21 from 5:30-7:00. They will participate in 4 track meets. She is also planning a "Color Run" to end the season. This will be an inclusive event for all grades, all people. The "Color Run" could be a potential fund raiser for the Track Program. Costs for joining track are not prohibitive. Janice Carpenter also hopes to begin a "Cross Country" team for the fall. Clustering schools for sporting activities seems to be a good decision for small schools.

Fish Fry: St. Paul is hosting a St. Patrick's Day fish fry on March 17. Amanda Keplinger will be the featured musician and Cub Scouts will be selling "World's Finest Chocolate" candy bars.

Men Who Can Cook: St. Bruno's auction is around the corner. Different themes and cooks will present tables of cuisine for \$50.00 per person (per table group). Twenty four different themes/tables have signed up and are currently looking for attendees. There will be a silent and live auction. Proceeds of the auction go directly to the school. Despite St. Bruno's auction being more casual and on a smaller scale than St. Paul's, it is a very successful fundraiser.

Marketing Committee: As reported last month, St. Paul Marketing Committee discussed the possibility of designing a phone app (Milbrath) that would streamline how parents can access information and communication from the school. This app would be a "one-stop-shop" featuring: calendars, athletic events, school contact information, academic resources, and sign ups to name a few. The Marketing Committee will continue to design and implement this project while getting it approved at all levels. The initial cost would be approximately \$1000.00 with an annual fee.

Principal's Report: Mr. Holzem reported that he has been speaking with principals of St. Joan of Arc and Waukesha Catholic for ways in which St. Bruno and St. Paul can collaborate with the other schools.

With the topic of continued enrollment and retention, it is Mr. Holzem's hope to have an increase of 10 students at St. Bruno and an increase of 20 students at St. Paul. The schools continue to focus their efforts on retention of students (especially in the 3 and 4K programs). Mr. Holzem continues to reach out to the Hispanic community. Current enrollment numbers for the 2017-18 school year are said to be 13 students in 3K, 41 in 4K, and 11 students in 5K at St. Paul. At St. Bruno there are 3 in 3K and 15 in 4K. St. Bruno has a larger enrollment at the older level of school, where as St. Paul has a larger enrollment at the lower end. Continued efforts are being made to increase enrollment numbers at every age level. Budgets are being discussed and presented at both schools.

St. Paul grades 6-8 will be attending Timber-lee Camp for an overnight on March 30-31.

St. Bruno continues their work on the outdoor garden.

Both schools attended a professional development training on STEM by Shane Gutbrod, (husband of Juanita 3K / 4K teacher at St. Bruno), who works for Kettle Moraine Middle School as a tech ed. and science teacher. Teachers will be getting together on March 22 at St. Paul to continue the STEM process of teaching students to problem solve and work together to design and create a prototype model of their choosing.

On March 23 several teachers will be attending an Early Childhood professional development at Cardinal Stritch.

Sustaining the Mission in-service is March 17 at St. Anthony's on the Lake. This is an all-day professional development on Church and faith.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Romanello