

St. Paul School Committee Minutes

December 18, 2017

Present: Julie Pfeil, Janel Welscher, Rick Drolet, Matt DeMarais, Ally Blonien, James Maloney, Barb Romanello

Minutes: Procedure for approval of minutes before posting will be as follows: after receiving first draft of minutes, members will have 24 hours to read minutes and make suggestions for changes, then editions and revisions will be made and minutes will then be electronically approved. All members will then get the revised minutes and minutes will be sent to the appropriate sources for posting. This has been an acceptable manner for getting minutes out in a timely manner.

Mission Statement: Due to the absence of Cindy Robinson, the topic will be tabled until the new year.

Principal's Report: Ms. Blonien reported the efforts in searching for a replacement for the 4K classroom teacher are beginning to show signs of hope. She has been getting hits from teachers seeking employment. Currently the class is in the capable hands of the substitute teacher, Ms. Struk.

The surveys 4K families took are back. The school survey has been put on hold (per Fr. Dan's direction) until Ms. Blonien has met personally with all families. Letters have been sent to all 3K and 4K families, while emails were sent to 5K-6 grade families. Ms. Blonien has already met with several of the parents.

Father Dan and Ms. Blonien met with a representative to the Archdiocese in regards to how better to communicate to St. Paul School families for retention and recruitment. After meeting concluded, it seems there is no clear path and we will continue with our own marketing and brainstorming ideas of how to serve our families and students.

The tuition raffle has ended and the winner decided to donate winnings back to school for the tuition assistance fund.

Scrip: Janel reported that Scrip has been busy and is on target for last year's numbers. Sixteen new families have signed up for Scrip. The usage of Scrip is from regulars, new families, business Christmas gifts, and Giving Tree. Scrip is always looking for people to help with selling and recording after mass.

Fish Fry: Dates for fish fries are February 2, March 2, and 16. The School committee will host the March 16 fish fry in coordination to St. Patrick celebrations. Gina Rhodes will coordinate the February 2 fish fry.

Dinner Auction: The date of February 9 is fast approaching. Classroom baskets for silent auctions will be donated. Barb Romanello will head the School Committee basket. The Auction can still use volunteers to help with the event. We are also being tasked with a student made “art” idea to be auctioned off. No ideas as to what, but teachers have been discussing possibilities.

Home and School: A meeting was held earlier to discuss upcoming events – Catholic Schools Week, movie night, game day, pizza lunch, and dodge ball game. Meetings will be held the second Monday of every month at 3:30 P.M. Officers were named at the meeting. Gina Rhodes President, Ann Belinski Vice President, Maria Meyers Secretary, Kelly Kramer Sunshine, and Janel Welscher as possible Treasurer. A monthly calendar will be sent home to families.

Marketing: Matt asked what the committee would like to see marketing work on and the use of the print portal. There is a need to update brochure/flyer, the making of video, virtual tour, use of lawn signs, and revisiting the app for communication were discussed.

Beyond the Bell: Jim Meyers is working to purchase the 3D printer and get it in to the school. St. Paul was awarded a grant to use for this purchase. The Parish Finance Committee needs to approve this before the purchase can be made. The committee does not meet until January 2018. Jim Meyer is frustrated by this.

Our next meeting will be January 8, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Romanello