Holy Family – St. Mary's School Board

Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2017

Holy Family – St. Mary's School Board met for a monthly meeting with President Maura Ferguson presiding.

Board Members Present: : Maura Ferguson, Al Benjamin, Jackie Petersen, Shera Brandvold, Katie Mayer, Msgr. Brian Donahue, Alex Sickler, Jen Hoffarth, Nick Korynta, Fr. Dan Mrnarevic

Absent: Ken Schill

Others Present: Kristi Nupdal, Emily Johnson

Call to Order: President Ferguson called meeting to order at 5:30 pm and Msgr. Brian Donahue led members in prayer.

President's Report: Giving Hearts Day is approaching February 9th, on January 27 school staff and students will wear spirit wear and take photos as theme is Go Matchy Matchy.

Principal's Report: School will be wearing spirit wear on January 27th in honor of Giving Hearts Day.

M.A.P. testing has finished up for winter. Final assessment will be done in the spring. Principal Mayer is looking at a guided reading book study to determine if we should continue with what we are using or use another option. Principal Mayer is also looking at a new curriculum called Benchmark Advanced and she will be meeting with the company representative on February 13.

Amy Lents has taken over the third grade class as a long-term substitute. If kindergarten is not split next fall, Principal Mayer will restructure the current teacher situation and there will be no vacancies if all current teachers renew their contracts. If there is a need for two kindergartens next fall, the third grade position will open and Mrs. Lents will be welcome to apply.

Early Registration was discussed, to begin during Catholic Schools Week. President Ferguson brought up that if HFSM is to hold early registration, tuition rates for the 2017-2018 school year will need to be decided at this meeting. After all members discussed, Nick Korynta motioned to hold tuition rates and not increase for the 2017-2018 school year. Alan Benjamin seconded, and motion passed with none opposed. Also voted on was to waive the book fee for all students who register their children prior to March 1st. Al Benjamin moved to

approve this, Alex Sickler seconded, motion passed with none opposed. Monsignor Donahue also approved this motion.

Catholic Schools Week is being planned by the committee. Some events mentioned:

- Feb 2, St. Mary's ECC is invited to HFSM School
- Feb 2, Science Night at Sacred Heart
- Feb 3, Mass at St. Mike's at 1:00 pm
- Jan 22, 3rd grade Celebration of Enrollment at 11:00 mass
- Jan 27, 1:30 early dismissal for professional development
- Jan 29, all school mass CSW kickoff at HF

Principal Mayer also mentioned a slight change in Elizabeth Gregory's curriculum. Mrs. Gregory has dropped art for now and is now teaching keyboarding instead. Principal Mayer stated that art is being taught by classroom teachers and HFSM will be ready to participate in ArtWise 2017.

Public Time: Emily Johnson, president of HSA, discussed what HSA has been working on so far this year. They will be donating a paddle item to the dinner and will be paying for bussing for CSW. HSA is also discussing what their identity as a group is moving forward, since funding for the group has changed this year. The former focus of HSA was to support teacher needs, but HSA is exploring expanding that role. They will continue to engage the school community through events such as Dance-o-Lantern, Turkey Bingo, and explore potentially holding fundraisers for scholarships.

Committee Reports:

1. Curriculum - The diocese is looking at options for a new religious ed curriculum. The churches and schools must use the same curriculum for religious ed.
2. Marketing – No update.
3. Technology – Al Benjamin will be inspecting the school next Monday at 1:00 pm to see about cable and internet options.
4. Policy – No update.
5. Finance – No update.

Pastor's Report: Father Thanaiah Marneni will be leaving Holy Family Parish for good on June 2, 2017, which will complete a five-year stay with the parish slightly early. The Bishop of India has called his priests back home. May 31st the parish will hold a going away event for Fr. Thanaiah.

Father Thanaiah's visa will not allow him to travel to Israel as planned, so Monsignor will be going in his place. Monsignor will be gone from January 29th to return on February 7th.

Pending Business:

A. Old Business
    1. Bylaw review will be held in March via executive session with Monsignor Donahue, President Ferguson, Vice-President Benjamin, and Alex Sickler. Father Mrnravic and Principal Mayer may also attend.
    2. Make-Up Day for snow day is necessary: It will be Thursday, April 13th. Alan Benjamin motioned to pass, seconded by _____. Motion passed with none opposed. Monsignor approved as well.
    3. There may be a second snow day necessary, potentially on June 2nd. This has been tabled unless necessary at future meetings.
    4. Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Tuesday, March 14th. There is a possibility that enrollment will necessitate a split. After discussion, School Board recommends a split at 22 students.
    5. Dinner update: At this point, only 52 tickets have been sold so far. Board members asked to push sales as much as possible.

Future Business:

A. Time and place of next meeting – Thursday, February 16th at 5:30 pm in Gather Room
B. Agenda for next meeting – not discussed
C. Meeting Adjourned – 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Maura Ferguson