

Joplin Area Catholic Schools
Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2015
St. Peter's School
6:30p.m.

Board Members Attending

Tony Greenwood, President, St. Peter's Church Representative
Michael Teeter, Vice-President, St. Mary's Parish Representative
Patricia Moore, Treasurer/Buildings & Grounds/St. Peter's Parish Representative
Pat Lonardo, Secretary/Sacred Heart Representative
Tara Horinek, St. Mary's Parish Representative
Sr. Joan Margret Schwager, Sisters of Mercy
Ann Hamlet, Principal, St. Mary's Grade School
Greg Emory, Principal, St. Peter's Middle School
Gene Koester, Principal, McAuley High School
Joe Patzner – Sacred Heart Representative
Fr. Justin Monaghan, Pastor, St. Mary's Church

Board Members Absent

Fr. Rahab Isidore, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church
Fr. J. Friedel, Pastor, St. Peter's Church

Committee Members Present

Chris Churchwell- Finance
Renee Motazed- Development

Committee Members Absent

None

Visitors

None

Meeting called to order by Tony Greenwood

Prayer requests: Sr. Julie, Tammy's friend Al Z, Tony's daughters' flower girl

Opening prayer: Sr. Joan

Principal Reports

St. Mary's

Ann Hamlet presented her report with the following changes and additions:
Enrollment is at 203

St. Peter's

Greg Emory presented his report with the following changes and additions:
He thanked everyone for coming to St. Peter's school for the board meeting.
Grade cards came out and we had 22/70 students making all A's, and 43/70 making all A's & B's, good job to all.

McAuley

Gene Koester presented his report with the following changes and additions:

Teens Encounter Christ used the showers and built temporary shower dividers and left them for us to use. Fr. Nathan Castle will be here for Catholic Schools Week. Mrs. Kowis has a group of SADD students going out to the front yard area (where St. Mary's was using as play area) and pick up limbs and such and trying to get the area ready for some future projects. He stated a basketball hit in the upper part of the ceiling area in the gym during a game last evening and sparks came out, he will have someone look into this tomorrow. 30 FBLA students qualified for Districts. For STEM Project Mrs. Kamler will be taking students to PSU on April 7th for the PSU Gorilla Games and on April 14th for math relays.

ASSE has been in contact with him and they have two Catholic school kids from Spain that have requested to come to catholic schools and stay with catholic families, so we will be looking for host families for exchange students.

Committee Reports

Finance

Chris Churchwell passed out finance reports and stated that Nancy had some internet problems on Friday so the reports were out early. Comparison to budget – the amount of students that were projected to be tuition paying is down this year from last year, continuing to watch areas of concern for expenses with custodian at McAuley, aides at St. Mary's, utilities, technology, transportation.

Hoping to present a draft of 2015/2016 budget in February, in discussion to start registration earlier for the new school year. All of the funds collected for the rebuild due to tornado have been released to St. Mary's now. Future discussion with the churches helping with some of the bus costs.

Development/Fundraising

Renee Motazedzi submitted her report. Compared to last year's annual appeal we are behind, follow-up letters have been sent out. Working on the phonathon, which will be February 16th, Thank a thon is March 10th.

Discussion concerning the web site, received 3 quotes, recommended going with the 3rd quote, board needs to vote on which provider, Tony asked if there was any questions for Renee concerning the quotes, Renee stated she is looking for a donor to underwrite the cost. Tony entertained a motion to select the company recommended by the Development Board which would be SNC Squared if funds are available, Pat Lonardo so moved on the motion, Patricia Moore seconded, Tony ask if there was any further questions or discussion, hearing none, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carries. Tony asked financed committee and treasurer to make sure the funds were available, Chris Churchwell stated with the unrestricted funds from memorials, one of the primary ones is the Pekarek memorial, and technology fees the funds are available if a donor does not come through.

Renee stated that SNC Squared offered to rebrand our logo and showed an example. Some discussion concerning font and size and placement. Renee stated that she will get the new signage and get it to board members and administrators, and then there will be an email vote, if problems then discussed at February meeting.

Alumni

Gene brought in the new and updated newsletter called the *Warrior Connection*, completely different format and style as previously, gave credit to Ms. Schrader and mass media group. There will be a meeting on Friday with a group of alumni to discuss some needed items.

Building & Grounds

Would like to look into the possibility of getting a couple of new cameras outside, on both sides of the school.

Old Business

Michael Teeter stated that the long range planning committee is recommending that we push forward finding a coordinator or system director. It was stated that feedback is recommending this move for the JACS system. There was discussion from administrators as to how not having a coordinator position is taking away from other of their responsibilities. At this time Renee Motazedi stated that she would not be returning as Development Director next year. She stated that this has been an extremely difficult decision. There was some discussion concerning the long range planning committee getting together to discuss options, Michael Teeter to email information concerning getting that meeting scheduled.

New Business

Opening and closing prayers for next board meeting: Renee Motazedi, opening prayer, Greg Emory, closing prayer

Closing prayer – Gene Koester

Board went into closed session.

Next meeting February 25th, at St. Peter's School, 6:30 pm