

Joplin Area Catholic Schools
Board Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2014

Board Members Attending

Tony Greenwood-President/St. Peter's Parish Representative
Michael Teeter-Vice President/St. Mary's Parish Representative
Patricia Moore-Treasurer/Building & Grounds/St. Peter's Parish Representative
Pat Lonardo-Secretary/Sacred Heart Representative
Sr. Joan Margret Schwager-Sisters of Mercy
Joe Patzner-Sacred Heart Representative
Tara Horinek-St. Mary's Representative
Fr. J. Friedel-Pastor, St. Peter's Church
Ann Hamlet-Principal, St. Mary's School
Greg Emory-Principal, St. Peter's School

Board Members Absent

Fr. Justin Monaghan-Pastor, St. Mary's Church
Gene Koester-Principal, McAuley High School
Fr. Rahab Isidore- Pastor, Sacred Heart Church

Visitors

Jim Kastler
Christy Jones
Deanna Hunter
Aaron Ramsey

Meeting called to order by Tony Greenwood

Prayer requests: Sheila P., Joe P's oldest son, Ann H.'s friend, Tammy's friend Al Z.

Opening prayer: Tony Greenwood

New St. Mary's parish representative, Tara Horinek was introduced, she stated she has 3 children currently enrolled at St. Mary's and will have 4 enrolled next year.

Tony Greenwood stated he wanted to alter the agenda and allow Jim Kastler to speak to the board. Jim stated that all of the moves have been completed, and that he had an absolutely fantastic move team and noted that he has worked for 35 years with fortune 500 companies and the team that he had for this is rated one of the top three teams he has worked with in his career. They were not bashful, strong when needed to be, things went extremely well. He presented a formal list of volunteers that he would like the board to thank. Tony asked if anyone on the board would draft a thank you letter, Tammy will get something to Tony. Possibly have a board member at each mass to thank volunteers.

Principal Reports

St. Mary's

Ann Hamlet presented her report with the following additions:

201 students enrolled, held ribbon cutting last Friday, kids are getting back into the swing of things and getting used to the new surroundings. As far as the building and grounds are concerned they are still working on a little playground area, everything is in place, but because the sprinklers are on and grass is not growing yet we are making accommodations and wood chips will be there soon.

Fr. J. raised the issue of following procedures after they had been voted on by the board, especially in regard to hiring extra teachers. We were told that extra students were going to be enrolled, which did not ultimately happen. Finance had approved the hiring of an extra teacher based upon those promises, which then technically violated the motion approved by the Board. The Board agreed that we need to be much more cautious about this in the future.

School parents attended the meeting to address their concerns about the adjusted bus schedule. Administrators had altered the schedule to address other concerns, but had been discussing the changes and their effectiveness. Acknowledging that the schedule was a work in progress, administrators announced that they already had plans to change the schedule again to accommodate most of the concerns. Fr. J. thanked the parents and administrators for communicating with each other and fixing the problem. Dr. Greenwood echoed those remarks and again thanked the parents for their concern and positive spirit.

St. Peter's

Greg Emory presented his report with the following additions:

73 students, ribbon cutting held last Friday, thanked the Neal Group for a great job, and invited everyone over to see the school. He stated that he and Patricia are discussing things that could be done in the front area of the school.

McAuley

Gene Koester absent, no report given, available online

Committee Reports

Finance

Chris Churchwell absent, Patricia handed out finance reports

Development/Fundraising

Renee Motazedzi absent, it was stated that registration went well, positive reaction, it was suggested that the online registration needed to be done earlier.

Alumni

Gene Koester absent, no report given

Building & Grounds

Patricia Moore stated that she has received a bid for \$3600 to convert the upstairs storage room back into a girls restroom, finance committee has approved the bid. Fr. J asked if Patricia would check the procedure for approval of funds, and stated that if needed for this expenditure a motion was made by him requesting consent for approval of the funds, seconded by Pat Lonardo, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. The blinds have been shipped.

Old Business

Nothing

New Business

It was stated that the next board meeting would be September 24, 2014

A suggestion was made by Sr. Joan to have the board meetings in September, October, and November at St. Mary's school, January, February, and March at St. Peter's school, and April, May and June at McAuley, all at 6:30 p.m.

Michael Teeter stated that he would like to discuss Long Term Planning, Tony suggested that maybe a meeting could be set up with the development board to discuss options, strategic planning. Michael to get set up for September/October. Board members to give 3 ideas as to how to grow the system for the discussions.