

JACS BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 17, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Greenwood, President/St. Peter's Parish Representative  
Michael Teeter, Vice-President/St. Mary's Parish Representative  
Greg Emory, Principal/St. Peter's Middle School  
Gene Koester, Principal/McAuley High School  
Tara Horinek/St. Mary's Parish Representative  
Sr. Joan Margret Schwager/Sisters of Mercy Representative  
Fr. Justin Monaghan, Pastor/St. Mary's Parish  
  
Fr. J. Friedel, Pastor/St. Peter's Parish

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Fr. Rahab Isidor, Pastor/Sacred Heart Parish  
Joe Patzner/Sacred Heart Parish Representative  
  
Pat Lonardo, Secretary/Sacred Heart Parish Representative  
Patricia Moore, Treasurer Building & Grounds/St. Peter's Parish Representative  
Ann Hamlet, Principal/St. Mary's Elementary School

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Churchwell/Finance  
  
Kelly Kelso/Development Director

GUESTS:

10 Guests in Attendance. Tony reminded the guests of visitor rules.

President Tony Greenwood called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Several offered.

OPENING PRAYER: Prayer was led by Tony Greenwood.

## PRINCIPAL REPORTS: (available online)

Ann Hamlet: No additions to submitted report. Michael shared a Thank You from the St. Mary's students that they created for the Board during Catholic Schools Week.

Greg Emory: No additions to submitted report.

Gene Koester: In addition to his submitted report Gene shared that Amanda Walker and Kara Schraeder were nominated for the Golden Apple Award. The weight lifting teams have won some awards. He also reported that he and Greg went to Martin Luther and talked to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to begin laying the ground work for the possibility of them attending McAuley.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Chris Churchwell presented the report. The budgeting process for next year has begun. There will be a significant increase in health insurance costs for next year. He recommended leaving Preschool, Pre-K, and Daycare fees where they are to stay competitive. He will put together options for next year's budget and try to get it out ahead of the next meeting.

### Development/Fundraising:

Kelly handed out a report detailing process in the area of grants. She and Kathy are hard at work on auction planning. There are some new and creative people to help. She has been talking to people to see what they liked and what they didn't like in years past. Would like to go with some large sponsors to go over the cost of the auction to help increase how much is made. Auction is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

She has also been meeting with the Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers to work on marketing for Open House in April.

Phoneathon for Annual Appeal has started. The campaign should come in at around \$80,000 as there is no \$10,000 donor to match as in past years.

Alumni: Still working on the automatic withdrawal. Alumni Association will meet after Spring Break.

Building & Grounds: Gary Lund called and is submitting a proposal to Catholic Mutual for water damage done to McAuley. They will not pay for a new roof, but they will cover any water damage that occurs. Bulbs for the parking lot lights at McAuley/St. Peter's are at a minimum and sources for replacement are being sought.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

System Benefactor Award: Tony read a note of thanks from recipient Karen Drake.

Discussions with Martin Luther: Michael talked with Leon and the Diocesan Lawyer and go all the wording approved. Tony and Michael met with the Martin Luther School Board and they are very excited to talk to their parents about this opportunity. The big question is the tuition costs. Will work to get tuition schedule out as soon as possible to share with the Martin Luther parents.

System Director Presentations to Faculties: Michael, Tony and Father J all made presentations to the faculties of all three school to discuss the System Director positions. Lots of good questions were asked by all. Some of the concerns were sharing an administrator at McAuley and St. Peter's. They also wanted clarification as to who their supervisor would be. They were told the Director would supervise the Principals and the Principals at each school would still be their direct supervisors.

Michael reported that there are 19 applicants, three of which are local. A teacher from each school will be asked to serve on the search committee. Once the teachers are selected the committee will move forward and hopefully be able to present a choice by the March meeting.

Parent Meeting for Q&A about Administration Changes: A letter will be to all parents in the system to let them know about the new position as well as to inform them of a parent meeting to discuss the upcoming changes for next year. The meeting will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the gym at McAuley.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Uniforms: Tony asked Gene for some clarification on the new uniforms to be implemented at McAuley. He wanted to know why it wasn't system wide and if this was a policy change. Gene shared that McAuley has a dress code not a uniform and enforcement of it has become slack and students were asking for a change. He said when he first came to McAuley it was decided to have uniforms but there was some resistance so he decided not to move forward with it so it really isn't a policy change since it was approved years ago but just never acted on. The uniforms will be grandfathered in over a 3 year time frame in which students have the option to go with uniforms or still follow the dress code and then at the end of the 3 years it will be decided as to continue in this way, drop the dress code or drop the uniforms.

Tony said he was hearing from some parents and students that they were opposed to going with uniforms. After some discussion it was decided that there needed to be some parent input and that it needs to be looked at system wide since we are a system. At the parent meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> the change from dress code to uniforms will be announced as a policy change and Gene will present the uniform option and ask that feedback be given to the pastors or school board members.

2016-2017 Calendar: Tony asked the principals in attendance if the calendar for next year had been set yet. They said they have discussed it but have not started yet. Once Ann is back they will work on it. Gene said they always do it in conjunction with what R-VIII does. There was discussion on the feelings of the 10 days that were taken out of this year's calendar. There was some concern over the fact that the 10 minutes added to each day didn't make up for the ten less days. The principals were asked to bring the calendar to the board before publishing it to see if further discussion was needed for next year's calendar.

CLOSING PRAYER: Father J led the closing prayer.

ADJOURNEMENT: Tony adjourned the public meeting at 8:08 p.m. At that time the board moved into a closed session.

The next meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Middle School. Time was changed because of the parent's meeting at 7:00.