

Joplin Area Catholic Schools
Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2014
St. Mary'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
Gene Koester, Principal, McAuley High School
Fr. Justin Monaghan, Pastor, St. Mary's Church

Board Members Absent

Greg Emory, Principal, St. Peter's Middle School
Fr. J. Friedel, Pastor, St. Peter's Church
Joe Patzner – Sacred Heart Representative
Fr. Rahab Isidore, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church

Committee Members Present

Chris Churchwell- Finance
Renee Motazed- Development

Committee Members Absent

None

Visitors

Steve Jones

Meeting called to order by Tony Greenwood

Prayer requests: M. Cantu, Sheila P., Tammy's friend Al Z.

Opening prayer: Tony Greenwood

Principal Reports

St. Mary's

Ann Hamlet presented her report with the following additions:
ITBS testing should start Monday and Tuesday. She stated that enrollment has stayed the same at 201 students. Tammy noted that according to the blackbaud system, education edge current enrolled students for St. Mary's is 200. Tammy initiated discussion concerning how to get the enrollment figures to match, and stated that lots of hours has been wasted with student billing and adjusting for students that were enrolled in blackbaud but not active students and trying to find which students were on a typed list and actually enrolled. Patricia asked if there was a reason that St. Mary's was not using the

blackbaud system to its fullest capacity. Ann stated that when she was hired she was told that the discussion happened last year and that St. Mary's would use it minimally, and stated her gut feeling as an administrator that it opens everything up where a parent can read exactly everything that a teacher enters. She stated she was concerned about parent reaction to a teachers comments, In addition, St. Mary's has a variety of grades and doesn't feel blackbaud would be beneficial to them. Tammy stated that the teachers were at the training when the grading scale and comments were configured into the new system, and the grading scales and comments were configured into the system. Ann stated again that when she took the position she was under the impression they would be using it minimally and she was trying to make the transfer of leaders as smooth as possible, as well as moving into a new building. Steve Jones was recognized to make a few comments and stated "he was opposed to blackbaud when it was originally presented to him and didn't feel that they really needed it at the elementary level for scheduling and attendance". He also stated the St. Mary's teachers did not think they would use it a lot. Mr. Jones expressed he thought the costs for the software were assessed per student but Chris corrected him by stating the software was paid for through the operational budget. Tony stated that the reason this was implemented was that it would be universal, it replaced the many different programs the schools were using, and it would be consistent system wide. He stated that the board passed that it would be incorporated, and it is his expectation that it will be used at St. Mary's as well as the other two schools. Tony stated that it is a system charge that has already been taken care of. Renee stated that the question needs to be asked: does the board want Susan to type the 5 part carbon report cards on a manual typewriter when the report card can be produced by back loading class assignments in the system by people are willing and Tony made the comment that it was like having an I-phone and only using it to make phone calls. We have spent a lot of money to put this in and utilize it. Mr. Koester stated that it was decided before Ann was here that we would use this system and she would need to have a plan for implementation, and if teachers need outside help it is there for them. It benefits the entire system to have all the schools using it to its fullest capacity. The system will be checked to make sure St. Mary's are set up as users. St. Mary's does have 3 lead teachers.

St. Peter's

Greg Emory absent, report available online

Sr. Joan stated that the teachers love the new building, and commented that it is very appropriate for a middle school, Jeff Neal did a wonderful job with the remodel.

McAuley

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

Bishop will be here October 3rd, "Hour of Prayer" for the high schools, changed time to 11:00am at St. Peter's Church with the bishop leading us in Holy hour, followed by an activity that is also our founders day, 12:30 the Bishop will have lunch with some of the leaders of the school, executive officers and possible class officers. Read two letters today, one was some of the kids were involved in the National Alliance of Mental Illness tournament fundraiser at schifferdecker golf course commending our students as great representative of our school, the other from a school family congratulating the school and faculty for good school year, as well as the JACS system.

Will bring materials concerning the accreditation for next year to the next board meeting and congratulated Ms. Hartman and Ms. Schrader for their help in getting a new form.

Committee Reports

Finance

Chris Churchwell passed out revised budget, apologized for not having August finance reports, no finance meeting held in August due to some of the challenges that Nancy has faced with her father,

mother and son, and being on vacation, she was not able to get reports together for the board. Financial summary for July was discussed. Some areas of concern could be the utilities and expenses of the new schools, should be able to better monitor this area once August financials are available. After some discussion, Chris asked the board to adopt the budget for the 2014-2015 school year, Tony stated he would entertain a motion to adopt the current budget, Patricia Moore made a motion to accept it, seconded by Michael Teeter, Tony asked for any further discussion, none stated, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Development/Fundraising

Renee Motazedi asked if anyone had a questions concerning her reports, and stated that she had sent her report ahead of time. She stated approval was needed for the fund raiser listing for the 2014-2015 school year. Tony stated he would entertain a motion to accept the presented fundraisers, Pat Lonardo so moved, seconded by Tara Horinek, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Alumni

Gene Koester stated that the alumni meeting scheduled for last night was cancelled, next meeting in October, they are working on a letter which will be in the newsletter asking donations from the alumni to help with expenses of the gymnasium.

Building & Grounds

Patricia Moore stated they are still waiting on the partitions for the upstairs bathroom at McAuley, she has had a couple of offers for donations of landscaping at St. Peter's.

Old Business

Thank you cards were mailed for the JACS move. The bus route situation is good. Michael Teeter stated he is still working on a date for the Strategic Planning meeting.

New Business

Conceal and Carry Policy- Gene Koester stated he was checking with the Diocese, and stated that the schools do have a placard that states you can't enter the school with a gun. Sr. Joan asked because she has been in a discussion with a person on school property that had a concealed weapon. She stated she had spoken with Leon Witt and there is not a policy for this but stated at the next Diocesan meeting in November it will be.

Opening prayer at next meeting will be done by Sr. Joan and the closing prayer will be given by Gene Koester.

Closing prayer – Fr. Justin

Board went into closed session.

Next meeting October 15, 2014 at St. Mary's School 6:30pm