



Minutes

In Attendance: Sister Mary Grace, Kevin Blain, Matthew Hobbs, Emily Graham, Heather Paynter, Morgan Barry, Greg Lee, and Lori Jarboe.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm followed by an opening prayer by Sister Mary Grace.
- II. Consent Agenda: A motion to approve minutes from our previous meeting was approved by Matthew Hobbs and seconded by Morgan Barry.
- III. Visitor Discussion: No visitors
- IV. General Reports
 - A. Principal - Everything is going well, always looking for ways to improve. In the mission of Catholic identity, the priests are offering confessions this week and next. We also have the Passion play coming up. Classes are spending time in the chapel, would love to have a larger one where the entire class can fit. We want to continue to cultivate a greater devotion to the Eucharist. Entire classes praying together is a way to do that. The room directly across the hall is large, and we're looking to make it a beautiful chapel, hopefully over the summer. Lori offered the girl scouts for free labor.

Principal and Vice-Principal are finishing up observations and post observation conferences. Meetings were very productive where advice and guidance was provided to the teachers.

All "intent to return" forms have been submitted by the teachers. All teachers and staff intend to stay for next school year.

We are looking to potentially add Spanish to grades K-3. Board members suggested that one option could be a self-pace program such as duo-lingo.

Library and technology standards overlap in the curriculum. Looking to integrate both with the rest of the curriculum so that learning is more integrated.

Sister reported that we are looking into going to a more traditional uniform rather than a dress code. Lands End is one possible vendor. The dress code is difficult to enforce due to so many options. Board members did not voice any reservations. There was a question about shoes and how to make these easier for parents to find. Setting up an Amazon store front was one option suggested, where you can provide a list of what is acceptable. It was also suggested that more time is spent on uniform information at open house and in back-to-school communications.

B. Board Chair

- No updates, just thankful for all the hard work.

C. PTO

- Muffins with Moms March 7 was a huge success, over 340 attended

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- Donuts with Dads March 21 was a huge success, over 350 attended
- Spirit night at Zaxby's April 4, and Qdoba on April 16.
- PTO Scholarship application period ends March 31, awards in late April.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1 – 5.
- Already planning the golf scramble for August 11
- Community Picnic is August 26.

D. Teacher Representative – Not present

V. Standing Committee Reports

- Policy and Planning – The board briefly discussed a potential absentee policy review. The committee plans to draft a policy for consideration, including a form that parents can complete for educational trip approvals. We've reached out to Dr. Bowling to determine some arch-diocese schools that may already have a policy in place.
- Finance – Finance Council will be reviewing draft budget at April meeting. Focusing on a few projects including school security, parking lot sealing, lighting, etc.
- Mission Advancement – Very successful Black and White Knight, over \$120,000 raised. Working on KY Gives Day coming up, there is a \$30K match, goal will be \$60K. Working on another bourbon raffle in May. Projected enrollment for now is 348 K-8 and 90 pre-K. Still tossing around ideas on a recruitment pamphlet. Possibly start with an alumni list, ask questions. Want to focus on return on investment. See what data we can gather as far as number of SJS graduates that received scholarships and/or attended college. 5 to 10 years out could be a good window. At St. Xavier HS, if you donate, you get tickets and invites to things, in an effort to keep a connection. Would be good to check in on past students somehow.
- Buildings and Grounds
 - Andy is visiting with St. Michael's in Louisville about their door locks and virtual keys. They are utilizing the newest technology.
 - Getting estimates together for cameras.
 - Should have a plan in place soon to upgrade the parking lot lighting
 - Andy has taken care of some small HVAC system work.

VI. New Business – None

VII. Action Items

- A. Policy and Planning Committee research absentee policies.
- B. Estimates and details to prepare for KY Gives Day

VIII. Closing: The meeting was closed with a prayer by Sister Mary Grace. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, May 16.

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