

**SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014
6:30PM CONFERENCE ROOM**

Board Members:

Christina Diers
Carrie Kubicek
Ann Monday
John Morrow - absent
Kevin Ortmeier
Derek Strohman
Bill Pulte

Others in attendance:

Don Ridder
Nick Mumm
RF Rep - Ann Rasmussen
PAC Rep - Mandy Grabbe

1. **Opening Prayer** – The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm. The meeting began with a Hail Mary prayer.
2. **Roll Call/Welcome – Bill** – Attendance was recorded as outlined in the minutes for board members and representatives of the school and parish.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Carrie motioned to approve the minutes from October, and Kevin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
4. **President’s Report** – nothing to report
5. **Home and School Report – H & S Vice Pres. – Jennifer Jodlowski**
Shamrock stride and carnival dates to be determined soon.
Angel Dollar flyers went home last week. The contest runs from October 28th to December 4th. The class that purchases the most wins a “mini party” from Arby’s.
HyVee receipts are being collected through December 31st. HyVee donates \$1 for every \$200 spent.
Box Tops contest is still going. The classroom with the most collected wins a popcorn party.
October’s Family Food night was at Arby’s and it was the biggest collection and donation to date. The next Family Food night is at Tanner’s on Monday, Nov. 17th.
Book fair was a success. The next one will be held during Catholic schools week.
Spirit Wear sale will begin again next week. This ensures delivery for the holidays.
Halloween parties focused on service this year and were so much fun for the children.
Decals for vehicles will be voted on at the next H&S meeting on Monday, November 17th at Tanners at 7pm. They should be ready for purchase by the end of the year.
6. **Religious Formation Report – Ann Rasmussen**
There are 786 students in RF. That is down from last year. They are still struggling to get volunteers for Wednesday night.

The committee will be reviewing RF By-laws. They are thinking of reducing RF committee from 12 to 9.

Registration for sacrament preparation was sent out to families. The committee is working on discussing setting the dates for sacraments and retreats.

The committee is hoping to get more RF families involved in the challenge grant.

7. Pastor Report – Fr. Gary - nothing to report

8. Parish Pastoral Council Report – Fr. Gary and Kevin - nothing to report

9. Principal Advisory Report – PAC Rep – Mandy Grabbe, 2nd Grade Teacher

The copy crew usually works 5 days a week. The staff wants to improve efficiency, so volunteers would only come on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. They may have those volunteers come and work in classrooms if they are safe environment trained.

They are discussing the Shamrock Stride day off. They are wondering if was it a good day to choose since some people missed Parent/Teacher conferences because they went out of town. They are discussing trying the Monday after Thanksgiving break next year.

Mass times on Holy days will change. Kindergarten through 5th grade usually has mass at 8:30am, and 6th-8th grades usually have mass at 10:30am. They will now switch with the exception of Ash Wednesday because the middle school students work with the elderly that day. The staff is considering a new Mass schedule for next year. It could be something like Kindergarten through 5th grade would go one day, 6th-8th grade would go another day, and both would go on Friday afternoon. This is still being discussed.

They have been going through a textbook inventory.

Mimios and iPads and/or iPad carts are wanted for classrooms. They are at the top of the school's wish list for H&S. They would like to have 1 cart per grade with 10 iPads in it. They need to determine a plan for replacing iPads that are old.

10. Committee Representatives

- a. Finances – Ann/Kevin - nothing to report
- b. Facilities/Safety – Bill – There was a law enforcement meeting to look at improving intruder drills. There are new procedures that could be put in place.
- c. Policy/Calendar/Communication – John & Carrie – Don wants to meet with the committee and start working for next year. They are waiting for people from School of Faith to see if there is more flexibility for next year. Don wants to look at spring break for next year. This year St. Pat's correlated their spring break with the Catholic high schools' spring break. The new early dismissal is working well. The teacher for school of faith is doing a good job. It was suggested that a member from school board attends the RF committee meeting.
- d. School Improvement – Derek & Don – noting to report
- e. Recruitment – Carrie and Nick – School board members are attending new member meetings on the 4th Monday at 6:30pm. John Copenhaver updated the St. Patrick's website with a pop up for school tour information. Rhonda Gottschalk has updated the pamphlet for the school to hand out during tours. They are using the TV at the front of the school for Terra Nova scores and other things. "Did you know's" are in the bulletins and have been placed in a different section from school so that other people will read it. Baptisms get gifts and cards from school. Mr. Mumm has been collecting testimonials from parents, students and staff. A quarterly newsletter has been sent to alumni with a place for alumni to write testimonials.
- f. Other discussion Items you have – Kevin & Nick update on Athletic Committee

Parish council meeting update will be next month. The Athletic Committee has hired Joe Shimerdla as Activity Director.

11. Principal's Report – Don/Nick

- a. Tech Update - see PAC report
- b. Brief Summary of Tera Nova Results – The results just arrived. St. Patrick's scored higher than the Archdiocese mean score in reading, math, language, science, and social studies. The staff will compare the results from Terra Nova to Acuity to see what is going well and what is not. Parents will get results on Nov 20th.
- c. Curriculum Mapping Update - Teachers have a hard copy of the curriculum map they made last year, and they will use that throughout this year to see how things are going.
- d. Ignite Your Faith Grants - Mr. Mumm is working on a grant due in January. They would like to ask for money for technology for iPad carts.

12. Other items

Mr. Mumm has been monitoring the lunch room volunteers. He would like people to check iVolunteer before showing up so that we get volunteers on the days we need them.

There have been more emails going out about serving during your child's grade month. This seems to help. Dr. Ridder and Mr. Mumm feel they have improved the efficiency of the lunch room and do not feel the need to hire more help.

Poinsettias are getting close to being ready to sell. There will be three sizes this year. They are coming soon!

13. Audience Petitions (at discretion of the President)

none

14. Executive session – School Board Only - None

15. Adjournment –

Carrie motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ann seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm. The meeting closed with Our Father . The next meeting will be Monday, December 8th, 2014 at 6:30pm.