

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
6:00PM CONFERENCE ROOM**

Board Members:

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

Others in attendance:

Fr. Gary Ostrander
Don Ridder
Nick Mumm
Jennifer Jodlowski
PAC Rep - Kellie Murnan, Art Teacher

1. **Opening Prayer** - The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Bill. The meeting began with prayer.
2. **Roll Call/Welcome** - Attendance was recorded as outlined in the minutes for board members and representatives of the school and parish.
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Kevin motioned to approve the minutes from August, and Ann seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
4. **President's Report – School Board President – Bill Pulte**
First item was to vote on officers for this year. Officers were nominated as follows:
Bill Pulte - President
John Morrow - Vice President
Christina Diers - Secretary
Derrick motioned to vote, and Jennifer seconded. It was a unanimous vote for all officers.
Second item was to vote on committee representatives. Committee representatives were nominated as follows:
Ann & Kevin - Finance Committee
Nick & Bill - Facilities/Safety Committee
John & Carrie - Policy/Calendar/Communication Committee
Derek & Don - School Improvement Committee
Carrie & Nick - Recruitment Committee
Kevin - Athletic Committee
Ann motioned to vote, and Derek seconded. Committee members were approved unanimously.
5. **Home and School Report – H & S Vice Pres. –**
The next H&S meeting will be on September 15th at 7pm in Spanish Room.

Shamrock Stride will be on September 19th.

The next Family Food night is on September 25th at Sam & Louie's.

6. Religious Formation Report – Kathy Hinrichs/Kelly Benes

Nothing to report.

7. Pastor Report – Fr. Gary

See Parish Pastoral Council Report.

8. Parish Pastoral Council Report – Fr. Gary

At the meeting, there was discussion on cemetery guidelines. The guidelines were all approved. Parishioners pay \$500 for a plot. If they should decide to sell the plot, they cannot be sold for more than \$500. They are assigning representatives from the Pastoral Council to different committees in the parish. No meeting this month.

9. Principal Advisory Report – PAC Rep - Kellie Murnan, Art Teacher

The major theme this year is service. They are going to try to incorporate service in their field trips & Christmas parties. In Kindergarten, they will make fleece blankets for Lydia House. First through third grade will visit some schools play games with students. Fourth grade will perform service around St. Patrick's campus such as picking up trash. Fifth grade wants to make Halloween, Christmas, and Easter cards for the elderly who live in nearby retirement & nursing homes. Sixth & seventh may adopt a family via radio station and provide Christmas gifts for a needy family. Eighth may participate in Salvation Army Angel Tree. Don would like every grade to make service part of their Christmas parties this year. He will be meeting with room parents to discuss how to do this. The staff plans to participate in service activities the afternoon of March 4th after School of Faith. The school is also planning to post different service activities in which anyone may sign up for to participate.

Positive notes for each grade - Second graders have learned how to enter their own 4-digit code numbers in the cafeteria. First grade is beginning to talk about 6-trait writing using the correct verbiage so that the students will be familiar with it for 2nd grade. Third grade has been using A-Z reading along with running records to assess student's reading levels. This will help with setting AR goals and allowing students to choose books written at the correct level. Fourth grade is doing a good job with organization. Fifth grade has had 4-H visit and are working on building bridges. PreK and Kindergarten are working on filling buckets and giving compliments. They have also talked about dipping from them. They are putting positive notes ("drops") on the wall. Sixth grade is making progress using their lockers between classes. Seventh and eighth grade students are working on understanding the difference between leaders, managers, and followers. Specials - Art has already completed clay projects with three classes.

10. Committee Representatives

a. Finances – Ann/Kevin

Nothing to report

b. Facilities/Safety Minutes – Nick & Bill

Nothing to report.

- c. Policy/Calendar/Communication – John & Carrie
Nothing to report.
- d. School Improvement – Derek & Don
Staff understands roles & responsibilities for Accuity. The staff in different grade levels are being trained on using it. Our teachers are ahead of other schools and are doing a great job. The teachers will get more feedback on exactly what is happening in class, and the curriculum can be updated and adjusted as they go along. It will be tracked from year to year. The system will keep them moving forward. Kudos to Jen Maher & Missy Delaney on their hard work with this. This semester, they are focused on Math & Reading.
- e. Recruitment – Carrie & Nick
St. Pat's still has about 200 circle magnets in stock. They might sell them at Parent/Teacher conference and/or put an announcement in P-Notes.
School board members are going to take turns attending the New to the Parish Orientations in order to answer questions about the school. The main front entrance TV monitor will be used to post statistics about the school, information about the staff and volunteers, and event information and results will be posted for everyone to see.
They are going to start e-mail blasts to zip codes within driving distance of the school to help promote the school.
They are also going to put "Did you know . . ." points in the parish bulletin each week.
Mr. Mumm and Jessica Pulte will be checking with local realtors to see if a small brochure could be added when families buy a home in the area.
The committee may also start contacting St. Patrick's alumni when they graduate, get married or give birth just to show we are still thinking of them.
- f. Other discussion Items you have
Athletic committee - Micro soccer & t-ball are considering not always getting new t-shirts each season to help with lowering fees. They currently have accepted one application for an Athletic Director. They will continue to accept applications in September. They will have a committee will go through the applications, and another committee to interview the applicants. They have pinpointed the job description and requirements. All Athletic Committee meetings will now be held at Boland Hall. Our middle school football consolidated with Concordia & St. Vincent de Paul. The team had their first win last Saturday.
The fall sports will have no home games. They have reseeded field and are trying to improve it for spring.

11. Principal's Report – Don/Nick

We have started to collect pledges for Shamrock Stride. Annabel the cow will be at the Shamrock Stride. There will be an obstacle course before walk. We are using streets this year instead of the sidewalks.

Volunteers - Don and Nick are researching churches out West to see how they are using volunteers. We need more volunteers in the lunch room. Lunch room volunteers do not need to sweep this year. Even if you can only help part of the lunch time, they will still take you as a volunteer. Students are helping in the lunch room. Seventh grade has always helped, and now fifth grade is helping, too. It was suggested to have a copy room orientation for new volunteers. Deb Strumberger is in charge of teaching people how to use the copy machine. Safety patrol is going well and has had volunteers for that after school every day.

The Community of St. Pat's has been extremely supportive to the Johnson family. The family very much appreciates the support. Father Gary thinks this is the best support he has seen at any parish he has ever been at. This parish and school is their family, and they showed that they were supportive. Other catholic schools have also shown support by sending food, flowers, and cards.

12. Other items

None

13. Audience Petitions (at discretion of the President)

None

14. Executive session – School Board Only

None

15. Adjournment

Kevin motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Ann seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm. The meeting closed with the Our Father. The next meeting will be Monday, October 13th at 6:30pm.