

ST. ANTHONY BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA/MINUTES

Monday October 14th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. SAS Cafeteria

1. Opening Prayer: Chris Corrice – Blessing of the BOE members “Hail Mary”
2. Roll Call: Fr. Dolan **A** Msgr. Chiodo **A** Joe Fitzgerald **P** Jim Sarcone **P** Ruth Sereg **P**
Mary Porter **P** Lisa Darnell **A** Sheila Thurston **P** Joel Westrum **P** Mary Strickler **A**
Mark Paris **P**
Administrator: Jennifer Raes **P**
Faculty Rep.: Kari Howard **P**
DRE: Chris Corrice **P**
3. Approval of Agenda: Mary Porter and Sheila Thurston
4. Approval of Minutes: Jim Sarcone and Joel Westrum
5. Audience concerns: (Limited to a total of 20 min. A max of 5 min. per person) recommend email: boardofeducation@stanthonydsm.org prior to BOE meeting with concerns. No Audience
6. Reports:
 - a. DRE Report: Chris Corrice
 - RE attendance 188
 - 25% increase from last year
 - 35 Catechist
 - Able to split 5th/6th grade
 - Sacramental folder approx. 200 to receive 1st communion
 - Will need assistance organizing all the students
 - 2-hour retreats planned
 - Confirmation Retreats
 - Parents reading “The Bible Blueprint” and enjoying
 - Giving guidance on reading the Bible properly
 - Had meeting for school parents and no one attended
 - Planning on doing a middle school retreat
 - Will be handing out Bibles to everyone
 - Confirmation 55-students
 - 2-year program will start 10/21/19 this is for students who have not had any religious ed.
 - Rosary – give away- Children literacy
 - 100-kids to adoration
 - January when sacrament starts
 - Spanish literacy usually has 10 SAS students
 - Recently handed out Flyers for Halloween party
 - A lot of promoting
 - RE open house for the school (Jan. Feb. & March)
 - Catholic school week can we build off that? – No, might be offensive
 - Direct approach – personal touch- to our Hispanic families
 - Parents are our primary catechist

- b. Home and School Report: Katie Fitzgerald emailed out
- The Teacher Nameplates from Sticks arrived and were delivered. Mrs. Hammen, Ms. Pulliam, Mrs. Eaton and Ms. Yost all received one.
 - All teachers now have a Homeroom Parent for the year
 - Conferences Oct. 15-17th: This year we are preparing meals for the teacher's lounge for the teachers/staff each day of conferences. A sign up went out at our last meeting so we are getting help from several parents. We will prepare a main dish, sides, desserts & drinks so the staff can eat during their half hour break.
 - Our Fall Fundraiser kicked off Friday, Sept. 27th, 2019 with Midland Fundraising and runs through Monday, October 14th. Katie & Shannon went to each classroom explaining how the fundraiser works. Students earn prizes the more items they sell. No upfront costs and we make 50% profit on everything but frozen foods. We will be at the school each day of the fundraiser passing out prizes. Last year we made \$6836 with Double Good Popcorn. Let's hope we beat that amount!
 - Halloween Party – Thursday, October 24th @ 6:30-8:00 p.m. This year our photobooth will have a fog machine. We are renting a cotton candy machine and bringing back the Haunted Hallway. Serving Pizza Hut pizza. Each classroom will decorate a pumpkin which will be bid on during a Silent Auction at the Party. Guess how many live maggots are in the jar? Lots of fun, new things!
 - Halloween Classroom Parties will be Thursday, Oct. 31st in the afternoon. These are led by Homeroom Volunteers.
 - Santa's workshop – The Knotty Nail – painting wooden ornaments-Dates: November 21st & 22nd
 - Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. in school cafeteria.
- c. Administrator/Principal Report: Jennifer Raes emailed out
- SAAT (St. Anthony Assistance Team) meeting had our first full day of meeting as a team and each teacher in the school had a time scheduled to come to the meeting.
 - Our Lady of Guadalupe image was in church from 1 to 7 p.m. All classes were given the opportunity to visit and pray for the respect of all life.
 - Participation in Administrator Academy mini sessions started by the new superintendent.
 - Set up Spanish Club. 2 x/month for 45 minutes each time. Fee is \$25/year-stem Spanish college students.
 - Working with Des Moines Public a lot, more than ever before to work together to meet the needs of struggling students – academically and behaviorally – good thing-Behavior intervention-status on behavior evaluation process-special education-go to public school for a few hours for their special needs and then come back to SAS for other classes. -Sharing 3 students now.
 - Great job by 7th grade at Sunday mass on the 22nd
 - PBIS cart set up for students. Will be asking parents for prize donations
 - Meeting needs of high-end students through advanced classes or online courses-1 student online & 1-student advanced classes

- Book read with staff, and Diocese – Under the Influence of Jesus by Joe Paprocki
 - Toured the Great Ape Trust (Ape Cognition and Conservation Initiative) – hoping to partner with them for student learning opportunities and for them to gain ideas from us to make the sanctuary more education friendly to visiting classes/students
 - Classrooms and school focusing on the rosary for the month of October
 - 2 great days of professional development for St. Anthony and Christ the King staff on benefit processes in our classrooms and school
 - Hosted the 7th and 8th grade dance
 - Hosted Bingo night
 - Jacob Heflin and I have amped up efforts to get more servers trained
 - Attending Regional Governance meeting
 - Dowling ambassadors visited with the 8th grade classes
1. Faculty Report: Kari Howard emailed out
 - Teachers attended a 2-day professional development training on Professional Learning Communities (PLC's). We broke off into units developed a plan. Teachers are going to be meeting every 2 weeks to analyze data.
 - Lynn Ernst and I (Kari Howard) are hosting our 1st teacher fundraiser. We will be doing Glow in the Dark painting. It will generate \$800.00 if we have all spots filled, to date we have 25/40 spots filled.
 - About 7 teachers helped with the school sponsored BINGO night.
 - Teachers are preparing for fall conferences.
 - Many teachers asked who the board members are... they asked if you ever come into the school to see us in action.
 - I had a teacher ask me what or how the school would be impacted by the strategic plan. Do we have a separate plan in place for our building?
 2. Community event/Fundraiser:
 3. Current Registration Count: October 14, 2019 295-students
- d. Budget/Finance Overview Reports: Mark Paris –
- Budgeted for 296 students
 - Issue with a few delinquency
 - Supplements cut this year by 30000k
 - Everyone paying should be in good shape
 - Regional model – Mytler
 - Finance department – standardizing
 - Meeting w/Diocese Wed. converting/redo entries
 - Budgeted cash account
 - Accrual accounts
 - Standardized Tuition rates
 - Standardized Teachers Salary
 - Tithing has not grown – [What is being done to grow top line?](#)
 - Dioceses wide campaign around corner

- e. Parish Council Report: Mary Porter attended
- Parish Council report (Sept 2019)
 - Shared the following items (from BOE / school):
 - Faith Formation = (from Jennifer's report) Mass Buddies, Adoration and SAS case in foyer (really want anyone that visits our school to know we are a Catholic school, trophies have been moved). *Not a long faith formation report as school just started.*
 - School Status = Doing more with less. Parish support is down 55K (21% less), largest decrease in recent history.
 - Thus, no more Guidance counselor, no more aide for lunchroom / recess (on top of losing Art last year.)
 - Teachers are doing 20K of fundraising. Teachers should be teaching and not have to worry about fundraising.
 - Parish Council advised Parents should be doing fundraising.
 - Advised that Parent Fundraising committee already exists and is called Home and School and they have committed 7K to the budget (in addition to prior purchases such as the laminator, guidance curriculum and playground equipment).
 - 20K is more than what was raised by the Fall Family event. Teachers are doing more than any other group.
 - School lost a teacher wanting to make a livable wage to support a family. Teacher left as we are one of the lower paying in the diocese.
 - Lost at least one family due to implementation of the Stewardship Award. Jennifer was able to get back said (one) family by explaining the award. (Had lost the family to Christ the King.)
 - ✚ Parish council updates (General updates and some for BOE; *noting I came late*):
 - Parish Council had a parishioner stop by Parish Council at the beginning of the meeting with concerns about having kids / families attend mass, partnering between the school and parish.
 - I advised that we were having the monthly school mass. The next day was the 7th graders mass and that we have been working on growing this for kids to also be lectors, have their religious artwork displayed in hallways etc.
 - Parish Council member suggested kids could bring up the gifts. Monsignor approved and I talked to Mr Kolbo about it the next day.
 - Monsignor also approved Artwork to be in the hallways (Dr Cordaro hallway and by lower church) just not the vestibule. Jennifer is to work with teachers so that whichever grade has the mass that month that they save their religious artwork from that month to be displayed in the hallways.
 - Also discussed, school having a section of the bulletin for wish list items. Parish council member asked if parishioners could volunteer. I advised yes; we would love it. Was advised to add this to the bulletin. (Ruth, can you take care of this one?)
 - I was tasked with calling Mark Danford (the concerned parishioner). Mark was glad to hear about the school's steps. He was more concerned about how St Anthony parish is becoming "racist". (I advised Parish Council chair of said conversation.)
 - Parish had 1500 registered parishioners when Monsignor joined. Have since gained 1500 new parishioners. Currently only have 1800 registered parishioners. They will be looking into this.
 - Parish Council will be reading "A Church on the Move (52 ways to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion)" by Joe Paprocki. There were mixed views on this book. (**Joe / Jimmy** – before the next

Parish Council meeting please read Section 1, pages 1-46. I have a copy of the book and will bring it to our BOE meeting. Parish council members/ participants are encouraged to make notes in the book and star what gets their attention.)

- Bingo in Sept will include liquor license and donated officer time. All Bake Sale and liquor sales will go to school. Will also get \$200 from concessions. Will also share half of bingo sales (this is not typical.)
- Was asked if Halloween dance was for all Parish as it was in past. I advised that I didn't know of Home and School changing anything. (I let H&S Board member Karime (aka Joel's wife) know about the question. Additionally, Audra (prior H&S board member) volunteered to hand out flyers at the Latin Mass as they have a few home-schooled families, and this would continue the school's efforts for inclusion / partnership with the parish.

f. Faith Formation Report:

g. Marketing Report: 99 Club coming soon. Flyers printed up

7. Old Business:

8. New Business:

1. STEM Reports: Savvy Cyber Kids an organization out of Georgia helping kids with apps on web

9. Next Meeting November 19th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. SAS Cafeteria

10. Motion to Adjourn: Ruth Sereg and Joel Westrum

11. Closing Prayer: Chris Corrice – Blessing School and BOE “Our Father”

12. Motion to Executive: (if required) No