

ST. ANTHONY DECEMBER 2019 BOE AGENDA/Minutes

Tuesday December 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. SAS cafeteria/Teachers' Lounge

1. Opening Prayer: Joe Fitzgerald – Hail Mary
2. Roll Call: Father Dolan A Monsignor Chiodo A Joe Fitzgerald P Jim Sarcone P
Ruth Sereg P Mary Porter A Sheila Thurston P Mary Strickler P
Joel Westrum P
Administrator: Jennifer Raes P
Faculty Rep.: Kari Howard P
DRE: Chris Corrice A
3. Approval of Agenda: Sheila Thurston and Jim Sarcone
4. Approval of Minutes: Mary Strickler 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.
6. Reports:
 - a. DRE Reports: emailed out
 - Not too much to report – Contest where kids take photos with family and Advent wreath and send to me to enter a “Win a new Pope Francis book”
 - Prepping for First Communion activity starting in January/February – still receiving forms – numbers still going up
 - Interviewed on the podcast Gente Puente about my work at STA, should be available next week
 - RE has their Christmas break coming up – classes resume in January
 - b. Home and School:
 - Santa's Workshop with The Knotty Nail – Painted wooden ornaments – Nov. 21st & 22nd, Had 161 students participate. Profit approximately \$835 this year. Vender charged less so were able to make a couple of hundred dollars more this year
 - Held a roller-skating night at Skate South on Thursday, Nov. 14th. Received 15% of the profits and earned \$159.48. (plus broke my wrist)
It was a good turn out and lots of fun!
 - Currently working on Teacher/Staff Christmas Gift Fund. This year's gift card choices are: Target, Amazon or Barnes & Noble. No Staff chose Barnes & Noble. Going forward may just do Target & Amazon. (Avoid gift cards with fees). Buying gift cards for 44 – totaling \$2950. We have money budgeted for this totaling \$3000 And have collected \$2560!
Classroom Christmas Parties will be held Friday Dec. 20th in the afternoon.
Homeroom Parents
Are organizing.
 - We will be looking at Teacher Wish Lists for Catholic Schools week in Jan.
 - We will be holding a “Roaring into the 20's Gala” on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 2020, in Parish Hall. It will include the

Following: DJ & Dancing, Heavy Appetizers and Desserts, Photo Booth, Child Care, a Wine Pull, Coat check, etc. it will be BYOB and is an Adults only event (21+). It's going to be lots of fun!

- Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 7th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

c. Administrator/Principal Report: emailed out

- Scholastic Book Fair
- Continuing to work with Des Moines Public to meet needs of all learners
- Volunteers have been wonderful helping us with photocopying, laminating, lunch duty, recess duty, and the PBIS cart
- Regional model work continues – they have added a regular meeting with all admin and parish office managers, and a development team with school parent volunteers also on the team
- Santa's Workshop was successful with Home and School. An anonymous donor paid for some kids unable to pay
- Employee and Family Resources (EFR) received a grant for guidance work with students. They are currently working with our 5th, 6th, and 8th graders. Some other grades will also get sessions.
- I'm working through formal observations of staff new this year and last year
- Grandparent and grand friend day were wonderful! We may look at slight changes next year, to offer the day on the main floor since we don't have an elevator to the 2nd floor
- A group of volunteers (led by a school parent) came in to clean up the library of old and worn out books
- Teachers continue their work with like grade or subject teachers from the other Diocesan schools
- Dowling Catholic had Spanish 4 students visit and interview some of our students. They were super impressed by our kid's Spanish skills!
- St. Nicholas stealthily made his way through the school and left candy canes in all the students and teachers' shoe
- Working with a group in house to make changes in Adv Club to be more secure
- Kindergarten through 2nd grade music performance was awesome!
- Spanish Club is not continuing – refunded money and looking into other options
- Band and choir toured malls and did a great job representing SAS

1. Faculty Report: emailed out

- Taylor Pulliam and I (Kari Howard) attended an IMSE Orton Gillingham weeklong training.
- This is a method of teaching relies on directly teaching the fundamental structure of language and will benefit all students
- Instruction begins with simple sound/symbol relationships and progresses logically to more complex concepts.

- All preschool – 4th grade English teachers along with our title teachers have attended and been trained
 - K-2 students had a Christmas program. All students did a nice job.
 - Teachers appreciate Teri O'Donnel (Darrah and Emery Holmes grandma) for helping with copies, laminating, and suppling/running the PBIS cart
2. Community Event/Fundraiser: can drive – will send email out – Joe will donate trailer to store, looking into Shoe/Battery drive
 3. Current Registration Count: 290 K-8th with preschool 3 and 4 total 342
- d. Budget/Finance Report: emailed out
 - e. Parish Council Report: No meeting scheduled
 - f. Faith Formation Report:
 - Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe at our school mass and again in the evening with parishioners was wonderful!
 - All 3rd through 8th grade students attended Reconciliation
 - All classes spent time in Adoration
 - The beautiful Nativity scene is set up outside of the school office
 - g. Marketing Report: Looking into Advertising book
7. Old Business:
 8. New Business:
 1. STEM Reports: Stem club, still researching Latino grants
Jennifer has reached out to Iowa State Extension outreach – Literacy night – 4-week period
 9. Next BOE Meeting Tuesday January 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. SAS Cafeteria/Teacher's Lounge
 10. Motion to Adjourn: Joel Westrum & Jim Sarcone
 11. Closing Prayer: Joe Fitzgerald
 12. Motion to Executive: (if required) No