

ST. ANTHONY BOARD OF ED NOVEMBER 16TH, 2021 Minutes

Tuesday November 16, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. St. Anthony's Parish Office Lower Floor/Zoom

1. Opening Prayer: Sheila Thurston
2. Roll Call:
Monsignor Chiodo A Father Dolan A Sheila Thurston P Ruth Sereg P
Joel Westrum P Harry Reed P Tom Buckmiller P Jaime Leiva P Joseph Barsetti P
Administration: Jennifer Raes P
Faculty Rep.: Kari Howard P
DRE:
3. Approval of Agenda: Harry Reed and Tom Buckmiller
4. Approval of Minutes: Tom Buckmiller and Sheila Thurston
5. Audience Concerns: (Limited to a total of 20 min. a max. of 5 min. per person) recommend email: boardofeducation@stanthonydsm.org prior to meeting. No Concerns
6. Reports:
 - a. DRE:
 - b. Home and School: emailed out
 - Our **Halloween Party** was a success! It was Friday, October 22nd. 6:30-8:00pm. We had a DJ, professional photo, and some fun games put together by Crystal Tallman. Approximately 300 people attended! Each classroom also decorated a pumpkin which was bid on during an Online Auction. We made about \$2500 overall.
 - **Halloween Classroom Parties** were Friday, Oct. 29th in the afternoon. I heard they watched movies, played games, ate snacks, and did crafts. These are led by Homeroom Volunteers and only the one volunteer was allowed to attend each class due to COVID.
 - **Classroom Parties** – We decided to keep Halloween & Christmas the same. We are adding an Easter party on April 19th. For Valentine's, families can send Valentine's to school to be passed out at the end of the day, but no party with it.
 - **Food for Conferences** – Went well. The teachers appreciate it so much. We had chili for one meal and Baratta's for the other, along with sides, salads, desserts, drinks, etc. We will be doing this again in February.
 - **Snacks for Staff** – This is full through December. Mrs. Eaton emphasized how much the teachers appreciate walking into the lounge to new snacks! Another sign up will go out soon for January – May.
 - **Fall Fundraiser** – StepItUpKids.com – This year we made approximately \$12,088! We are down a bit from last year (\$15,578) but hey, that's still great!

- **Donation to School** – Voted at H&S meeting to donate \$26,000 to general school fund. Should be used for Smart boards/technology, blinds, whatever Jennifer Raes needs.
- **Santa's Workshop** with The Knotty Nail (Painting wooden ornaments) will be held December 1st & 2nd in the Lower Church
- **Spirit Wear/School Uniforms** – If wanting SAS gear before Christmas, orders must be completed by Friday, Nov. 12th at <https://www.imagesolutionsdm.com/showroom/25732>.
- **Teacher/Staff Gift Fund** will be going on again this year. The school families can contribute to a gift card of the teacher's choice for a Christmas gift. This year's options will be Target, Amazon or HyVee. This will be Nov. 16 – Dec 3rd.
- Our last **H&S meeting** was Tuesday, Nov. 10th. We had seven parents attend, three board members, one teacher, and one Principal!
- We are discussing **hosting an event in February** with the church Social Committee. Perhaps a Gala with a silent auction? We usually do a community builder of some sort. In the past, we've done the 20's Gala, Magic Show, Sock Hop...things like that.
- Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11th, 2021 at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. Child care is provided.

c. Administration Report: emailed out

- Matching donations campaign going on
- Grandparents/Grandfriends Day, November 23
- Classrooms upgrade update
- We have had more volunteers in the building this year
- Homeroom parents joined at Halloween parties; we will let more parents be a part of Christmas time
- Christmas program for K, 1, 2
- Tuition and incidentals have been addressed sooner and more aggressively from Darcy and I, it's working
- Tardies to school policy is stronger and we are changing the amount of tardies. They were A LOT, and it is getting better
- Regional info meetings happened in October for all BOE's in area schools, more will happen in the future
 - 🇺🇸 Sheila Thurston attended Regional Board 11/15/21 for board chairs
- Clear Touch panels are in and awesome!
- Faith journeys for staff continue through the year, led by Diocesan office
- Diocesan video crew has been in a lot to build a marketing campaign you'll see in winter and early Spring
- Ideas for companies to do apparel? Ready for a change away from Image Solutions

- Administrators and superintendent visited SAS for a day. Spent time in classrooms. Loved being here!!
 - Student teachers from ISU and UNI later this year
 - Exchange student from Guatemala is here
 - 3 staff attended a Dyslexia conference. Thoroughly enjoyed it!!
 - Staffing updates - Staffing in schools continues to be tough. I don't see us being able to hire 4 full time Spanish position next year, so we will plan to remain 50/50 but we also must hire one full time Spanish teacher to do that. Still need a guidance counselor and middle school art teacher.
 - We are appreciative of our relationship with Des Moines Public. They give us great suggestions and support in academic struggles for learners and behavior issues.
 - Harry Reed asked if anyone has given to our teacher's wish list that was provided to the Board members in September yet? No, not currently they have not.
 - Executive session needed
 - Current Registration K-8: 270, 3 students left went back to home schooling
- d. Budget/Finance: No reports sent out
- e. Faith Formation: No Reports sent out
- f. Parish Council: No Reports sent out
- g. Marketing: Jaime Leiva met with Father Dolan was able to get a Spanish Facebook page but will need to get with Father to get admin permission to be able to take it further along
7. New Business:
1. Stem Reports:
 - 3 D printer club will start next semester – students have enjoyed it.
 - Sheila Thurston asked about LEGO league – Greg said quite costly – first initial startup fee is \$5000.00, & \$1000.00 after that for materials needed.
 - Sheila Thurston is going to go on Donors Choice & try a go fund me page for this.
 2. Budget/Strategic Planning:
 - a. Ad Hoc Increasing Teacher Pay Scale Committee:
 - Tom Buckmiller is working with Mrs Bonnema, music teacher, on an off campus fund raiser.
 - Joseph Barsetti working on Can Redemption drive – will email Jennifer with information, will also include our Latino community
 - Parish wide fundraiser – date unknown - question on if this is being presented to the church's Latino community as well?
 3. SIAC (School Improvement Committee)
 - School improvement plan update
 4. Wellness: Wellness Committee update
8. Next BOE Meeting Tuesday December 21st, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. St. Anthony's Lower Rectory Meeting Room
9. Motion to Adjourn: Sheila Thurston and Joseph Barsetti
10. Closing Prayer: Sheila Thurston
11. Motion to have Executive: (if necessary): Joel Westrum and Tom Buckmiller