

ST. ANTHONY BOARD OF ED January Minutes

Tuesday January 18th, 2022 @ 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 P Sheila Thurston P Ruth Sereg P
Joel Westrum P Harry Reed P Tom Buckmiller P Jaime Leiva A
Joseph Barsetti P
Administration: Jennifer Raes P
Faculty Rep.: Kari Howard P
DRE:
3. Approval of Agenda: Tom Buckmiller and Joe Barsetti
4. Approval of Minutes: Joel Westrum and Tom Buckmiller
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 Audience concerns
 - Jeanne Wells (CTO Diocese Coordinator attended) updated the BOE members on the impact of the CTO funds.
 - Huge impact on SAS 171 students out of the 271 K-8 (this is wonderful)
 - Tax donors receive 75% on their taxes
 - Without CTO funds available this would make a huge impact on all the Parochial schools.
 - How much contributed for 2023-24 school year? Will let Mark know.
 - Jeanne informed the Board she is retiring June 30, 2022 they are taking applications, so hopefully the transition will run smoothly.
6. Reports:
 - a. DRE: New Director – Diana Balmaceda
 - b. Home and School: Emailed out.
 - Teacher/Staff Gift Fund went well. The school families contributed to a gift card of the staff/teacher's choice for a Christmas gift. This year's options were Target, Amazon or HyVee. We are buying gift cards for 46 people totaling \$3200. We used roughly \$130 from our budget and our wonderful families covered the rest!
 - Christmas Classroom Parties were Tuesday, Dec. 21st in the afternoon. These are led by Homeroom Volunteers and usually consist of a game, craft and snack. I heard from several teachers they went well & the kids had fun. A great way to kick off Christmas break!
 - Catholic Schools Week is coming up. We are looking into bringing back the Hotsy Totsy Food Truck on Wednesday, Feb. 2nd (it's also national tater tot day), providing teacher massages at school, promoting items from their teacher wish lists for parents to buy, and possible SAS apparel.
 - Roaring into the Twenties "Two" will be happening on March 5th in the gym. We are partnering with the church social committee for this event to try to merge the church & school. Looking into a silent auction, food provided by parishioners Culinary Nomad, DJ, & alcohol pull. I investigated having it offsite, but it was SO EXPENSIVE! Hotel Rewind wanted \$6000 for their ballroom. Curate was \$3510 just for room rental! So, St. Anthony's gym it is!

- Spring Fundraiser will be a FunRun with Boosterthon again. They are great to work with and we get fantastic results. It will be March 1-9. Event day will be March 9th in the gym.
- Conferences – Tuesday, Feb. 15th & Wednesday, Feb. 16th – food sign up is FULL!
- Valentine’s Day – No party, just students sending in Valentine’s for classmates, if desired.
- Easter – classroom parties will be Tuesday, April 19th.
- Snacks for Staff – FULL sign up! WaHoo! Thank you, parents!
- Possible Mascot Costume? – Discussed raising funds to purchase a mascot costume for the St. Anthony’s Hawks! They are roughly \$1500. Junior High students could get tickets on PBIS cart to wear for assemblies/ball games/etc. Would be fun for carline too! Everyone thought this was a good idea.
- Our last meeting was Tuesday, January 11th, 2022, at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. Sadly, we only had four parents attend. However, we had three teachers there so that was great! Mr. Simpson demonstrated his straw rocket launcher bought by H&S. Our next meeting will be March 8th, 2022, with childcare provided.

c. Administration Report: Emailed out.

Not a lot to report due to the Christmas/New Year’s break.

- Exciting news with our matching donation campaign that we exceeded the goal of raising \$25,000 to have it matched for a total of \$50,000. The total raised was \$47,505 to bring the grand total to \$67,505 to go to upgrades for the classrooms and students.
 - 8th graders took the Dowling placement test with us so they no longer have to go to Dowling on a Saturday for 4 hours
 - We are working on getting information out to prospective families for the coming enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Tours are amping up which is great
 - Myself and some teachers continue our connection and networking with Boston College and the Two Way Immersion Network for Catholic Schools (TWINCS)
1. Current Registration: working on registration 22/23 Feb. 7th set for zoom meeting w/teachers and families, will have open house the following weekend 12:00-2:00 English, 2:00-4:00 Spanish
- d. Budget/Finance: Mark unable to attend meeting, BOE members concerned – need to attend.
- e. Faith Formation:
- Hilda Ramos working on Adult Ed.
 - Confirmation moved to the 18th per Bishop’s request
- f. Parish Council: Have not meet yet.
- g. Marketing:
- Unable to connect – will follow up w/Jaime

- Can drive will be when weather permits.
 - Do we want to proceed with the Raffle? Yes, but first have to put a plan together and discuss with Monsignor for approval.
7. New Business:
1. Stem Reports:
 - Gregg – Lego maker club for middle school
 - 1st Robotic making program – sign up has not been great – will meet w/students they were fascinated by the 3-D printer.
 - Joe suggested science fair would this be beneficial. Greg, good idea, would have to connect with Kelly Simpson and discuss.
 2. Budget/Strategic Planning:
 - a. Ad Hoc Increasing Teacher Pay Scale Committee:
 - Harry spoke with the membership director @ the Y -said they would send someone to SAS.
 - Teachers can meet w/membership director looking for financial aid.
 - Good Avenue – would be great for the school
 - Invoice would be sent to the school, will accommodate to relieve burden.
 - Open enrollment? -proposed – do not know at this time. \$5300.00 that money would have to go back in the pot, it would not be accumulated if they approve that will come from the state. Public schools do not have all the infrastructure. Public school will continue to have open enroll – State is wanting to pass a version.
 3. SIAC (School Improvement Committee)
 4. Wellness: Committee has meet and is working on Policy and have completed.
Motion to approve completed policy.
Sheila Thurston approved and Harry Reed -second.
8. Next BOE Meeting Tuesday February 22nd, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. St. Anthony's Lower Parish Office.
Tom asked how is the Covid cases in the school? Have raised but is looking for it to downturn this week. Students are having a lot of colds. How is the sub – teachers? Have been shuffling through. Do need Subs.
Bilingual for next year? Staying where at 50/50 still in Pandemic stage.
Do you have a sense on how many teachers will have to replace? Losing a Spanish Teacher – Visa expires. Will interview for her position.
9. Motion to Adjourn. Sheila Thurston and Tom Buckmiller
 10. Closing Prayer: Father Dolan.
 11. Motion to have Executive: (if necessary)