

## **Saint Robert Catholic School Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order: February 15, 2018 at 6:36pm, adjourned at 8:27pm

**Attendees:** Margo, Rana, Megan, Dexter, Lisa, Erin

### **Principal's Report**

- **Kindergarten acceptance:** Letters were sent out Feb. 16 via mail delivery. Of the 13 siblings accepted 11 are boys. We are fortunate to receive 61 applications, typical of previous years. The remainder for those who did not get in will be put on the wait list.
- **STAR Testing:** The 3rd STAR testing for the school year was completed today. For the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 16 of the students scored greater than 11<sup>th</sup> grade level math and about half of the students scored greater than 12<sup>th</sup> grade level reading. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are well positioned for high school. The school is not on School Speak, which enables parents to access STAR test results online. We currently cannot see test results longitudinally. The Board recommended printing out the Feb. test for distribution. Parent teacher conferences in March are recommended for students whose STAR test scores have gone down or are exhibiting behavioral issues. The next test is scheduled in May.
- **Proposed school year calendar for 2018-2019:** The calendar has been sent to the Archdiocese for approval. The new calendar is similar to this school year with the start of school on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in August, and Christmas Break on the last week of December and the first week of January. There will also be a ski weekend in February extending President's Holiday.
- **The Festival Report:** The report prepared by Ana Kimoto was reviewed. The largest contributor to the decrease in festival net profit was the food and beverage category which as down \$11,575. The Festival Committee will take these figures into consideration to adjust for the next festival.

### **Finance Report**

- Revenue is tracking to budget to date. Due to the decrease in festival net profits, the School was allocated \$25K instead of the usual \$30K.

### **New Business:**

- **Board By-Laws:** The Board reviewed the Board By-Laws and made good progress. We will continue to review the remainder at the next meeting.
- **Principal Replacement Process:** Father Greene has started to reach out to his pastor colleagues to see if there are any potential candidates. There are a total of 5 open principal positions in the Archdiocese. A general ad for a school principal has been advertised, while the posting for this specific opening to follow. A meeting is scheduled with Father Green and the Archdiocese Assistant Superintendent to officially kick-off the recruitment process. A committee will be established to interview candidates.

- Father Greene and Margo have requested all board members to extend their tenure for one more year, as during this transition and not have elections this year. Rana, Dexter, and Nick will stay on the board for one more year.
- **CCD kids in classroom:** Classrooms 1-5 are used for approximately 230 CCD students and the hall (and sometimes room 6) is used for confirmation students on Tuesdays. Last week, a desk was written on in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom desk, and in the past school a few supplies have been taken or destroyed. This does not occur generally, but Joanne Bartolotti and Leslie Fong, who are in charge of CCD, have been made aware and have addressed these concerns with the students.
- **Detention/discipline options:** Currently, 15-minute detention is given in the higher grades for not handing in homework or for inappropriate behavior. Starting next week – Feb. 19, students in detention will write out what they did, what they could have done differently, and how they could have shown REAL kid behavior. At times, recess is taken away. For extreme cases where the student crosses the line, they are excluded from participating in school represented sports. Detention involves file keeping by Bridget Lopez.

*“Academic probation is given to students who fail to maintain a 2.0 overall grade point average and at least a C- in all academic subjects The probationary period will last until the next quarter report card. In the event of a serious offense, probation will be waived and suspension given automatically...Students on academic suspension are ineligible to participate in all extracurricular activities.” – Parent/Student Handbook*

There is concern among some parents that detention does not seem to be an effective deterrent. Faculty is aware there are some repeat offenders getting detention – for those cases faculty is in communication with the students’ parents. Margo will discuss with Bridget further and will continue the discussion at the next Board meeting.