

3/15/18 School Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Father Greene, Margo, Laurie, Nick, Lisa, Erin, Rana

Meeting called at 6:35pm

Pastor's Report:

- New principal search process has begun
 - Archdiocese advertises general opening for principal position and receive resumes, some of which indicate specific school interest. Archdiocese requirements include administrative credential or equivalent, teaching credential, (if credentials not present, must have plans to receive credentials within 4 years), relevant work experience, & Catholic grounding.
 - School committee has been formed to interview selected candidates: Father Greene, Bridget Lopez representing SR staff, 2 parish council members, 1 school board member and 1 parishioner. Interviews to be conducted by committee in panel format with questions provided by Archdiocese, and attended by an Archdiocesan Assistant Superintendent.
 - Pastor will make final decision considering teacher and committee recommendations.
 - There are 12 open principal positions within the Archdiocese, and it is possible for a candidate to receive multiple offers and would need to select.

- Hennessy Hall Improvements:
 - Parish Council is continually funding improvements – and recently replaced church roof. In addition, the school has installed a new fire protection system and removed old TV setup.
 - Desired improvements in the hall to be done over time: patch floors/walls & paint, and replace stove, window coverings, sound system, lighting, tables/chairs.
 - Whole redesign is expensive: If formal fundraising were to be done – a large percentage (e.g 20%) would go to the professional fundraising. Parish is still required to meet annual appeal obligation while fundraising for project.
 - Will check if school can financially help cover renovations.

- School Board will sponsor the farewell celebration for Margo at Hennessy Hall – date and time to be set (weekend/weeknight) by next meeting at 4/19 – to coordinate with Father Greene.

Principal's Report:

- End of 3rd quarter next week. 45 days remaining in school year
- Computer room is last to be painted + hallway
- Items needing maintenance: Terrazzo in front steps, new stove in kitchen
- 4th grade ceiling just started leaking (bubbling)
- ~~Opening for a student in 1st grade — going through kindergarten waitlist to fill spot~~
- Registration to go out before/after Easter vacation
- High acceptance letters go out at the end of this week 3/16

Finance Report:

- CPI to increase to 3.1% therefore education expense line item has increased.
- Biggest categories of spend: salary, benefits, tech, pension, CPI - Tuition will go up 3.5%, \$5904 to \$6110 or \$17 increase a month —the school has been fortunate to be able to save while keeping tuition low.
- Registration cost no change this year (increased \$5 last year)
- Salaries 7% increase over 2 years to be closer to public schools —which will be covered mostly by tuition
- \$28,000 scholarships given every year for families needing financial assistance
- Class expenditures: Jr high expenditures- New science text books, new social studies series books/online. Younger grades expenditures are fixed costs as most books are consumables.
- School board has approved the budget for next year and will be reviewed next by the parish council

Women's Dinner Dance:

- Attendance down by 2 tables in comparison to previous year, final dollars to be reported.
- Considering changing things up as well as holding event on a date with no conflicting events with other schools.
- Given festival revenue is down this year, how do we appeal to the current parish/school community which is different from the past? Ideas brainstormed.
 - o Fun run has historically successfully generated money. This year, an organization will help set up event by setting up a webpage for each child where family/friends can donate and pay by credit card.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm