

The Saint Thomas School Board met on September 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the library.

Opening prayer: Mrs. Bierman

Call to Order: Mrs. Bierman

Present were: Mrs. Bierman, Amy Hartrich, Nikki Earnest, Brian Bierman, April Holkenbrink, Beth Shamhart, Ashley Ginder, Sarah Weiler, Leah Finley, Dennis Weber, Fr. Dean Probst

Absent: None

Visitors: Lisa Moore

No minutes approved at meeting

Old Business:

1. New board members -
 - a. Thank you to new members Leah Finley and Dennis Weber.
2. Officers -
 - a. Nikki Earnest will be President.
 - b. April Holkenbrink will be Vice President.
 - c. Amy Hartrich will be Secretary.
3. Tuition committee -
 - a. We raised tuition a little bit from the prior year, we believe we will have a tuition increase every year..
4. Dress code/church day apparel -
 - a. Discussed offering surveys for parents for potential dress code changes.
5. Distinguished Graduate/Exceptional Service -
 - a. Be thinking about future candidates as you see individuals volunteering for Parish.
6. COVID Protocol -
 - a. We are following similar procedures as we had in place at the end of last school year.

New Business:

7. Fundraisers -
 - a. Duck race - raised almost \$3,000, sold about the same amount of ducks, more sponsors.
 - b. September - Trash bags sales and Garage sale.
 - c. October - Laundry detergent.
 - d. February - Trivia night.
 - e. Bingo begins Friday, and we will do another apparel order in late fall.
 - f. Garage Sales - September and in the spring
8. Mandates -
 - a. We are currently following the same COVID protocols and mandates as the Unit.
9. Calendar questions -
 - a. No current changes to report.

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10. Staffing -

- a. 26 kids in Kindergarten - Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Wendt are teaching, with Mrs. Geier as aide.
- b. 1st Grade - Mrs. Pitcher, with Mrs. Mammoser as aide.
- c. 5th Grade - Mrs. Volk is teaching, with Mrs. Hartrich assisting, Ms. Buerster will start in January.
- d. 8th Grade - Ms. Wakefield is working with Mr. Osborne, Mr. Osborne will start full-time in January.

11. Booster Club update -

- a. Will not have a booth at Fall Festival this year due to extra curricular conflicts. Instead, will have a Porkburger sale during fall Garage sale.
- b. Plan to do Joe's Pizza fundraiser again in the Spring.

Father Dean's Report: The Bishop has a Covid update in the Catholic Times this week. We have been asked by the Diocese to help prepare a video for promoting Confirmation/Communion at Springfield. The Confirmation/Communion went well this summer.

Finance Report: Mrs. Bierman.

Positive Points:

1. 10 families received assistance with tuition.
2. School year started well - kids are doing well.
3. We are healthy overall.
4. Duck Race raised \$3,000.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Hartrich