

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

Opening prayer: Amy Hartrich

Call to Order: Beth Shamhart

Present were: Mrs. Bierman, Amy Hartrich, Brian Bierman, Beth Shamhart, Sarah Weiler, Leah Finley, Dennis Weber, Fr. Dean Probst

Absent: Nikki Earnest, April Holkenbrink, Ashley Ginder

Visitors: None

Leah motioned to approve September minutes, Sarah seconded.

Old Business:

1. Fundraisers -
 - a. Trash bag sales - Sale was a little down, but the sale last Spring was strong. Usually we make approximately \$3,000.
 - b. Bingo - Profit was \$360, with 51 players.
 - c. Garage sale - Profit was \$8,700; Silk Purse picked up items that didn't sell.
2. Mandates -
 - a. Nothing new to report, no changes since last meeting. Waiting to hear more on mandated COVID testing of unvaccinated teachers.
3. School calendar updates -
 - a. Monthly calendar is correct; the annual Calendar does not get updated throughout the year.
4. Staffing -
 - a. We are looking for a Social Studies teacher for January. We will begin advertising for the position soon.
5. Booster club updates -
 - a. Porkburger Sale - We sold out of burgers.
 - b. Joe's Pizza - will do this fundraiser again in the Spring.
6. Parish Appreciation Breakfast -
 - a. The breakfast went well. There were crowds after both masses. We got rid of all the donuts.
 - b. We are trying to find more ways of informing Parish of what is going on in our School.

New Business:

7. Sports/IESA update -
 - a. Right now we don't have any capacity limits indoors; in Gym, players and spectators are asked to wear masks.
8. Mission Party -
 - a. Mrs. Vahling and Mrs. Schreifels are in charge of the mission party. There will be games and an inflatable obstacle course. The Halloween Parade will start at 1:00PM.

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9. Parent/Teacher Conferences -
 - a. Many parents have turned in their form for scheduling. We usually have 100% attendance by parents.
10. School Pictures -
 - a. Scheduled for October 15th.
11. Testing Platform/Teacher Evaluation System -
 - a. We will do MAP testing in the Spring (grades 3, 5, 7).
 - b. The teacher evaluation system is new this year.
12. Church Picnic -
 - a. School is setting up and taking down tables and chairs.
13. Trivia Night -
 - a. Is scheduled on February 19th.
 - b. 1st meeting is tonight after the board meeting.
14. Dress code Survey results -
 - a. We will not be changing the dress code to uniform wear at this time..
 - b. We will look at getting a Polo shirt to be worn for masses and events.
15. Empower Illinois -
 - a. Will get an insert ready for the bulletin. About 50% of applicants are waiting for scholarships.

Father Dean's Report: Nothing new to report.

Finance Report: Mrs. Bierman.

Positive Points:

1. Garage sale was a success.
2. Trash bag fundraiser is finished.
3. Bingo has restarted.
4. We will be looking at repairing/replacing doors/ice machine/concrete steps.
5. We will look at long-term planning goals next month.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Hartrich