

The Saint Thomas School Board met on November 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the library.

Opening prayer: Brian Bierman

Call to Order: Jenny Bierman

Present were: Mrs. Bierman, Jenny Bierman, Amy Hartrich, Nikki Earnest, Brian Bierman, Ashley Ginder, April Holkenbrink, Fr. Dean Probst

Absent: Jason Pitcher, Sarah Weiler

Visitors: None

Minutes approved by Nikki Earnest, seconded by Ashley Ginder.

Old Business:

1. Trash bag fundraiser –
 - a. We worked with Keith Probst for the fundraiser, he gave us extra from the boxes.
 - b. The fundraiser was a huge success.
2. Parent teacher conferences -
 - a. We had 100% participation.
3. Empower Illinois participation -
 - a. We have 15 scholarships, 3 on the waiting list.
 - b. Will put an insert in the bulletin to try to promote donations.
4. Mission party -
 - a. 8th graders did a great job doing the mission party for kids in classrooms, but were disappointed they couldn't have in-person.

New Business:

5. Input on future developments with COVID-19 -
 - a. We plan to stay in school as much as possible. We do not currently plan to take extra days off around holidays.
 - b. We will reevaluate if quarantine numbers increase or have lots of students absent.
6. Basketball/volleyball:
 - a. Contact days will start soon.
7. Scholarships/Tuition assistance:
 - a. We are working to make the process for providing scholarships more professional.
8. Fiber Internet:
 - a. Internet is in the building, we are waiting to finish installation.

Father Dean's Report: The Bishop has allowed priests to continue doing Confirmation/First Communion through June 2021. Fr. Dean hopes to be able to finish up sacraments for 3rd grade class.

Finance Report: Mrs. Bierman.

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Positive Points:

1. Mrs. Stone is seeing progress with Title.
2. Students and staff doing a great job.
3. Looking to update technology in Kindergarten - going with a Samsung tablet
4. Mission party brought in \$700, Pajama Day brought in \$300 for the Ministerial Association - generosity is amazing!

Next school board meeting: December 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM
Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Hartrich