

St. Thomas School

School Board Agenda

September 6, 2023

6:00 p.m. St Thomas School Library

- I. Opening Prayer – Sara K Bergbower
- II. Call to Order – Sara K Bergbower
- III. Absent: Dennis Weber
- IV. Recognition of Visitors: Lacey Simpson, Amanda Urfer, Helen Weber, Jessica Burton, Jud Cochran
- V. Additions to the Agenda
  - a. Parent Homework Concerns: Parents' concerns are kids doing hours of homework every night. Some parents feel there was no easing into the school year and starting off with lots of homework. Parents also brought up that kids do not know how to write a paragraph or type it out for homework. Parents feel that homework is taking up so much time that it is getting into their nightly family time.
    - 1. Homework is something that St. Thomas will continue to have and the teachers in 5-8 will try to communicate better so not all the tests are on the same day for kids.
    - 2. Parents please reach out to your child's teachers if you have additional concerns about your child's homework. We have great teachers that are willing to help our children in whatever way they can.
  - b. After School Program Interest: Sigel St. Michael's program (\$7 per kid, runs from after school until 5-5:30, teachers who volunteer get paid in cash, location, interest- google doc survey possibly, teacher volunteer interest.) ( At this time the board does not feel that there is enough need for this and not enough teacher/parent volunteers to make this run properly. We will revisit if the need becomes greater.
- VI. Approval of May minutes: Kiley Borgic, Second: Leah Finley
- VII. Old Business
  - a. New Hires-Kristie Finley 5-8 Language Arts, Jessica Beals-K-2
  - b. Fair Share Hours were changed at the end of last year. See Handbook for the details- lots of awesome volunteers
  - c. Summer Project Improvements-nothing major this summer, Steps at the main entrance are not holding water. Brick Wall by teacher lounge needing to be fixed.( Needing quotes for concrete work) Thank you to Brummer's Cabinets & Customs(Brian Brummer) for the lockable cabinet for playground equipment.
  - d. Tuition/Salaries-nothing new, 3% raise for tuition and 5% raise this year for teachers (this has already been done)
- VIII. New Business
  - a. Staffing-fully staffed things going well
  - b. Election of Officers: President: Sara K. Bergbower, Vice President: Kiley Borgic, Secretary: Leah Finley

- c. Fundraisers
  - 1. Duck Race- \$3000 raised, Kiley is recognizing our sponsors on facebook from the Duck Race
  - 2. Laundry Detergent- Finished last week - no word on profit yet
  - 3. Trash bags will start Sept. 18
- d. Soup Supper – February 11, 2024
- e. Booster Club update- porkburger sale the friday of Giant garage sale
- f. Sports Update- Softball- doing well, baseball- doing well regionals are coming up, Cross Country we have 5 kids running, Golf Blaine Bergbower did great representing St Thomas at Paris, girls bb and cheer practices have begun
- g. Trivia Night- First meeting will be after the Oct school board meeting. We will start at 7 PM in the library at the school. Come join the committee it is lots of fun and work for a great cause(Our school)
- IX. Father Paul's Report-Capital Campaign meeting in Oct, Bishop visit to the school went very well
- X. Finance Report- Received Orell Farley and Maxine Spitler Grants to help with technology
- XI. Positive Points- Kindergarten split going well, Field trips being planned, 8th grade doing awesome things with their service hours(15 hrs service total), Teachers working harder than ever
- XII. Closing Prayer – Father Paul