



Saint Michael School

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St. Michael School Board Agenda September 17, 2024

I. **Opening Prayer** Father Tom or he wants to choose to not, Karen will do this

II. **Mission Statement Recital** (all)

We are committed to providing students an exemplary education centered on traditional Catholic values, inspiring them to walk with God, learn, grow, and serve.

III. **Roll Call** (Mikki)

- Fr. Tom Boufford, Karen Gostomski, Chuck Morrison, Lisa Smith, Amber Snow, De Willman, Claudia Rey-Perry, Dave Miller, Michelle Charron, Mikki Edwards, Kristina Wernette

IV. **Approval of (previous month's) Minutes** (Chuck)

- Motion: Amber
 - Second: Mikki
- Approved

V. **Approval of Agenda** (Chuck)

Approved

VI. **Communications**

- A. We have two thank you cards to sign; one for Jess Scism for her volleyball coaching and one for Bishop for his upcoming visit

VII. **Discussion/Updates**

A. Election

1. Lisa Smith – new secretary
2. Amber Snow – chair
3. Dave Miller – finance liaison
4. Dee Powell – still VP

B. Goals for our board

1. Connecting the school and parish, and all of the organizations and groups within each
2. Inflation is happening everywhere. The Catholic parish and school are not immune. We have to continue to educate families and others about the value of what we have here.
3. Increasing numbers in 5th and 6th grade going forward, by keeping students at St. Michael instead of going over to Chippewa Hills Middle School at 5th grade
4. Potentially having a 7th/8th grade program available here to continue learning at St. Michael for students who want to continue here after 6th grade. Kristina Wernette mentioned a WINGS program that happens at other diocesan schools and could be a potential for that program; it is a hybrid program that has online instruction, but a teacher present with them to help facilitate learning.
5. Tuition assistance program from the Foundation where families were asked to donate \$1,000 to the foundation to help with tuition? Karen added that Giving Tuesday will be December 3rd and a big push will be made to reach out to alumni, parish, etc. to donate to the tuition assistance program. The parish has a Tuition Assistance account that parishioners can donate to and assistance is given to families who need help if they show financial need and the Bishop's Scholarship is unable to help them.

This tuition assistance fund can also help our non-Catholic families, unlike the Bishop's Scholarship.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Building, Grounds & Safety (Karen)

1. Door (is on back-order until the end of the month), lockout system and boots (middle of October), ballistic shields (middle of October), 3mm film, keyless entry, privacy film (awaiting film, keyless entry, and privacy film until door is in place), practicing different scenarios/need to fix the tile in the entryway
2. Working on problem-solving with phone system and panic buttons
3. There is crumbled tile in the main entryway and Bob is working with a flooring company (same company that gave a quote for the gym floor and for the mat for the entryway) to get a quote on repairing that. That will then go to finance and the School Board before decisions are made.

B. Marketing & Communications (Karen)

1. Karen is working on getting a mat for the main foyer that has the school name and mascot; it will update the space for a less outdated look; Karen is also working on getting a sponsorship for this

C. Development - Foundation/Recruitment

D. Finance (Dave) tuition discussion

1. Will need to talk about this by October/November so that we can inform parents by about January if tuition will be increasing
2. Will also need to continue the discussion of a technology fee
3. Should devote a meeting to this and would like to see tuition rates from area and other similar schools. Father recommends also meeting with the finance council
Tuition is currently at:
1 child: \$2,900, 2 children: \$4,700, 3 children: \$6,200 and a \$100 non-refundable registration fee
For non-parishioners:
1 child: \$3,700, 2 children: \$5,500; 3 children: \$7,000 and a \$100 non-refundable registration fee
Preschool: 3 year old preschool program, \$1,125, 4 year old preschool, \$1,675
Each GSRP student brings in just under \$9,000

E. Planning & Policy/ Mission Effectiveness (ALL - tuition discussion)

F. Technology (Karen) chromebook covers, plan for replacement, Diocese network

1. Along with furniture that was donated from other diocesan schools that are updating their furniture, we received a donation or "hand-me-down" of new chromebook covers. We currently have 0 extra chromebooks. This will be a need.
2. About \$6,000 - \$7,000 was brought in from St. Mike's On Spikes and that money is put into a general fund for technology that is pulled from for the school technology needs

G. Home & School (Karen)

1. Chuck will be the liaison between Home and School and the School Board
2. Wheatland brought in \$11,500 to \$12,000 after expenses
3. The Bishop is visiting on Friday and there will be a reception after Mass. All are welcome!
4. The auction is coming up. Karen will forward us a document that highlights all that will be going on at the auction.
5. Further notifications will be happening to make meeting dates more known

H. Other Committee Updates

IX. Action Items - Proposed Policies

A. Memorabilia Items and where to hang (Lisa)

1. Lisa has had communication with stakeholders who would like some special memorabilia to hang within the school; there is a 100 year-old diploma from a former student here.
2. We will work on finding a system/designated space for this.

X. Old Business/Comments from the Floor

A. None

XI. Father's Comment and Principal Update

Karen - Free furniture from another diocesan school are replacing what we have in classrooms and throughout building; GSRP, hoping to be at the 12-14 students by February; shared time is helping to pay for some of our supplies and the curriculum for the areas covered by shared time; we recently had a situation where there was a death of a relative to many families within our school – Sister Colleen from the diocese came and was available to meet with students as needed and many support services have been available

Father - Nothing to report

XII. Dismissal prayer: Father Tom

XIII. Next Meeting: October 3, 2024

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