



Saint Michael School

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St. Michael School Board Agenda

January 9, 2025

I. **Opening Prayer** Father Tom or Karen

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** - Fr. Tom, Karen Gostomski, Amber Snow, Dave Miller, Dee Powell, De Wilman, Claudia Rey-Perry, Jeanne Stack, Mikki Edwards, Marv Baumann

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

motion

second

passed

V. **Approval of Agenda**

motion

second

passed

VI. **Communications – Guest(s)**

A. Marv Bauman – School building needs-bathrooms and floors

- a. Has seen the floors and the bathrooms, and agrees that they both need attention. He recognizes that these were not put on the Capital Campaign and sees these issues as a health and safety issue, and wants to begin the conversation with us about how we may raise money for these needs if there is no leftover money from the Capital Campaign remaining. The Foundation, in his opinion, should only be used as a last resort, so as not to lessen the amount of money that the Foundation may be provided to the school each year. He proposes that we look at finding some grants available (and people to help apply for them) and fundraising.
- b. Estimates from a couple of years ago came in between \$50,000 and \$70,000 for the bathrooms alone. Karen has had JBS work up a quote for the bathrooms and somebody else for the floors, and is waiting on estimates from both.
- c. Amber also suggested DonorsChoose. Father cautioned about looking at percentages that they may take.
- d. Will discuss further once we have estimates

VII. **Discussion/Updates**

A. Goals for our board

i **There will be an online training session**

VIII. **Committee Reports** (does not need to be an update for every committee at every meeting...only need to list the ones with an update and then leave bullet for other committee updates at the bottom)

A. Building, Grounds & Safety

- a. Some money has come in for the rugs in the entryway

- b. Karen received a check of about \$15,000 to put towards fun academic incentives for the students

B. Marketing & Communications

C. Development - Foundation/Recruitment

D. Finance

E. Planning & Policy/ Mission Effectiveness

F. Technology

G. Home & School

- a. Home and School is at about \$90,000 raised for the year, with a goal of \$120,000

- b. The bourbon raffle will take place again this year

H. Other Committee Updates?

IX. New Business/Action Items/Proposed Policies

A. Principal Evaluation

- a. The 23-24 administrator evaluation was completed with Amber Snow and Karen and will be submitted, with board approval.
- b. We will begin working on the 23-24 evaluation.

B. Preschool and Daycare

- a. Mrs. Jessica presented a preschool proposal
- b. half-day preschool programming is expensive and only generates around \$2,000 per student, whereas the GSRP generates around \$9,000 per student
- c. Mrs. Jessica and Karen have met with three different preschools and brought two back, and are proposing to move forward with Little Red Wagon.
- d. Little Red Wagon would take over the three-year-old preschool program and has a faith-based curriculum. GSRP would take over for the four-year-old preschool and would open two classrooms.
- e. Karen proposes that the rent is increased for the daycare, on a graduated basis.
- f. Three-year-old preschool through Little Red Wagon will be open to others who also want to pay for three-year-old preschool
 - i. motion to approve this proposal
 - ii. second
 - iii. passed

X. Old Business/Comments from the Floor

A. Sustainability/Tuition

- a. Dave had sent an email to verify the verbiage of our tuition proposal, percentage vs. flat-rate
- b. Parishioner, 1st child rate going from \$2,900 - 3,132, \$1,800 - 1,944, \$1,500 - 1,620, family \$6,696
- c. Non-parishioner rate going from 1st child \$3,700 - 3,996, \$1,800 - 1,944, \$1,500 - 1,620, family 7560
- d. Dave will put together a parent letter and presentation to present at a home and school meeting (likely in March)
 - i. Motion to approve the tuition rates for the next school year
 - ii. second
 - iii. passed

B. Accreditation

- a. They will be coming in May and it is a work in progress

C. Safety update

- a. An email was sent by Karen on January 8th regarding this

XI. Father's Comment and Principal Update

Father - There is a new sound system in the church. There will be a meeting for parish future planning on February 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center and they are requesting representatives from school board to be present

Karen

XII. Dismissal prayer

XIII. Next Meeting: February 6, 2025, at 6 PM

School Board Committees: building, grounds & safety, marketing & communications, development, finance, mission effectiveness, planning & policy, technology, foundation, home & school.