



Saint Michael School

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St. Michael School Board Minutes June 5, 2025

I. **Opening prayer**-Karen 6:01 pm

II. **Mission Statement:** all

III. **Roll Call:** Mikki Edwards, Dee Powell, Claudia Perry, De Willman, Fr. Tom, Karen Gostomski, Lisa Smith, Chuck Morrison; special guests Mrs. Q, Miss Jessica, Mrs. Lambert and Janelle Karcher

IV. **Comments from the floor:** Janelle Karcher-school parent present to discuss the 5/22/25 situation that had occurred on Tadpoles last day of employment involving alcohol. Janelle has requested implementing a policy in place to avoid this from happening again.

Dee requested a "get to know you" portion for parents/parishioners to know our board members. Dee also recommended we bring any ticket items a week before the mtg on issues that may arise vs being blind sided. Mikki also suggested that we have the positive items too.

Kolina Kindergarten parent-concerns of test scores, sports-would like baseball/softball and soccer within the school, funding issues (one big fund vs where things are divided up) and high turnover rate of staff;

V. **Approval of Minutes:** ; motion to approve- De; second- Claudia

New agenda item-Curriculum and data to be added from current teacher staff-Mrs. Q has created a new curriculum for reading to be possibly added to St. Michael school. Currently curriculum is K-2 and for 3-6 and this does not align with literacy laws in Michigan. Cost is including training and covers six years worth of material. Lisa motion to approve Benchmark prgm; De second

fVI. **Approval of Agenda: Mikki proposed we have an agenda portion when parishioner, parents etc come to board members where to add this and what comments from the floor** motion-Mikkie, second-De

VI. Discussion/Updates

A: open board seats Chuck, Jeanne, Amber; proposed Vera Young, Lisa to ask

B. Goals for 25/26-

employee tuition discount for salary staff 75% and hourly 50%; school year

C. enrollment PS 20 (2 shared), GSRP 15 (2 shared), K 18 (14 are going to 1st), 1st 8 (6 going to 2nd), 2nd 10, 3rd 9, 4th 9, 5th 4, 6th 6; total enrollment K-6 64

VII. Committee reports:

- A. Bldg/Grounds/Safety: Chuck is sending info on Fed/State funding to Karen???
- B. Marketing-trifold or testimony Niki has worked on St. Michael flyer for grocery stores and realtors etc
- C. Development-not discussed
- D. Finance-H&S numbers still working on and parish numbers
- E. Planning- Lay off of some para pro d/t enrollment, but things are looking up for 25-26 school year
- F. Technology-
- G. H&S-

VIII. Action items: DOGR summit coming up- Mikki recommended we sign up for different categories and share the information. Chuck is thinking he will be ending his term at the next meeting.

IX. Old Business-

- A. **Parent/Student/Parish Survey** Mikki provided staff survey, family -recommended we add on family survey-what value is it that you are looking for out of St. Michael school. Board process these surveys and think about what we would like to add/delete any items and what is important Dee proposed we work on the board review and compile staff, families and parishioners by January.
- B. **25-26 Budget** (Dave/Karen)
- C. 25-26 board survey (Dee) -please get these finished and returned.
- D. 24-25 Principal evaluation update (Dee/Dave) Dave and Dee provided Karen her eval and responses from the board.
- E. **Added item-** Dee asked the board about the parent letter and would like to move forward with sending this to parents soon. Fr. asked that we add the NWEA RIT scores. the board to think about next year school board meeting times-think about when we as a board would like to have these. Dee also recommended we provide what our role is to families and how we can assist them, but finding what the proper channel is when situations arise. It is recommended that as a board relay the handbook has a chain of command and direct them to the actual teacher, principal etc.

X. Fr. Comments- Fr. commented on his successor starting July 1, 2025. He is pleased with the new priest having a lot of school background.

XI. Dismissal prayer: Fr. led

VIII. Next Meeting: Lisa to ask Dee if Aug 7, 2025 is still okay

Adjourned 8:08 pm

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