



Saint Michael School

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St. Michael School Board Minutes August 14, 2024 5:30 P.M.

I. Opening Prayer Father Tom

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, Karen Gostomski, Chuck Morrison, Dee Powell, Lisa Smith, Jeanne Stack, Dee Wilman, Dave Miller, Amber Snow, Michelle Charron, Mikki Edwards

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

- Motion: Amber
- Second: Jeanne

V. Approval of Agenda (Chuck)

- Motion: Lisa
- Second: Dee

VI. Communications

Photo opp with Chippewa Hills

VII. Discussion/Updates (Chuck)

A. New board members

- a. Welcome to Dave Miller, De Willman, and Claudia Perry. Thank you!

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Building, Grounds & Safety

- a. The entrance will not be finished by the first day on Monday (the first day of school), but aiming for Tuesday. The pillars may not be up at that point, but should be soon.
- b. The construction on the GSRP classroom is coming along well and we will get a preview through the window tonight. That room will not be completed until Tuesday.
- c. The lockout company has done the diagraming of all of the areas and they are working on a mock-up of the details so that we can approve or deny it. Half of the cost of this was paid to them as their downpayment. The 3M film has been quoted, but they asked them to re-quote that. There are 4 quotes out for the keyless entry now, and is still being worked on. We also have a new quote for our phone system.

B. Marketing & Communications

- a. Working to get more students in GSRP. We currently have 9 students. We can have 16. It is still looking good. Each student brings \$9,100. If we do not reach 16 by February, some of the funds will need to be refunded to GSRP.
 1. The start-up grants and the curriculum grants have nearly been spent.

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- b. Good conversations about why we lose students from 5th and 6th grade each year to Chippewa Hills and possible brainstorming for retention.

C. Development - Foundation/Recruitment

- a. Currently at 98 or 99 students building-wide, aiming toward the 107 that we planned for when creating the budget (K-6 is at 67 currently, an increase from 62 from last year)
- b. The home-school co-op collaboration continues and those students are charged half of the non-parishioner rate, which is \$1,850.

D. Finance

- a. We added a position of Carina Martin to assist Heather Quackenbush (there are 22 students in that classroom as of right now). She is very qualified and will be doing a team-teaching style.
- b. All but \$2,438 in tuition was collected
- c. We received \$2,500 from the Mecosta County Foundation towards our safety goal.
- d. Karen applied for a \$40,000 grant from Mecosta County's excise tax, with that money for safety.
- e. Title money has nearly doubled and is sitting at nearly \$17,500.
- f. We have received \$5,000 in scholarships from the diocese, dispersed among 6 families

E. Planning & Policy/ Mission Effectiveness

- a. We would like to be setting goals for our board at this point in the school year so that we can prioritize our goals for the year
- b. Accreditation should be our top priority right now to be prepared for that. The staff have been learning the process, doing training, and will continue to do so throughout the year. The site visit will be in March.
- c. Retaining 5th and 6th graders is another goal
- d. Potentially further enforcing unpaid tuition balances
- e. Adding a technology fee for rotating out chromebooks and such
- f. Please think and pray on this and develop some goals
- g. Mike would like to continue to have good communication in the coming year about finances

F. Technology

- a. For a fee of \$5/month, we have an alert feature attached to the phone system that comes in the form of a message to the whole school to put the school into lockdown. Any classroom can do this.
- b. There are 6-7 chromebooks to replace the 8 or 9 that are broken. There are currently no backup computers left.
- c. St. Mike's on Spikes still benefitting technology for the school, parish, or both?

G. Home & School

- a. Bob and Kelly, along with Amy Meeker and Jill Charron have taken on the organization of elephant ears
- b. Auction will be a football/tailgate theme - October 26th

IX. Action Items - Proposed Policies (Chuck)

- A. Officer positions. Continue this discussion.

X. Old Business/Comments from the Floor

- A. None

XI. Father's Comment and Principal Update

- a. New people: Carina Martin, Kenzie Neelis, Anyssa Betancourt, and Tosti Dutcher
- b. Lynn Wernette was hired as our new volleyball coach, as Jess Scism has resigned. Thank you Jess for your time as our coach!

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XII. Dismissal prayer

XIII. Next Meeting: September 17th at 6:00 p.m. All other meetings will be the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

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

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