

St. Gerald School Board Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2014

Present

Fr. Malcom, Pastor
Al Theis, Principal
Jen O'Reilly, President
Paulina Bednarek, Secretary
Joanne Chavez Buchanan
Jennifer Cronin
Nicholas Suh
Daniel Cerceo

Absent

Gail Stearns-Hussein, Vice-President
Theresa Munoz
Michael Johnson

Guests

Debbie Janicke

Called to order at: 7:01pm

Motion to approve minutes from September 2014: Paulina Bednarek **Second:** Jen O'Reilly

Opening Prayer: Mr. Theis

Principal's Report

- Brochure for Mercy Home for Boys and Girls was passed around
 - They are looking for schools to have a partnership with
 - There are 10 spots at the southside home for girls
 - 6 are filled
 - Students go to schools in the area
 - They are 6th-8th graders
 - Full tuition is paid
 - Mr. Theis plans to call St. Bede and St. Walte, who currently have students from Mercy Home, to see what kind of services we need to provide
 - We could accept someone on a probationary basis

Advanced Ed

- Which is the accrediting agency to get further accredited
- We are working on the improvement plan template
- All schools are filling it in commonly
- Not all of it will be seen by the public but rather by accrediting agency in

October

- Universal church celebrates rosary and respect for life

■ They are grade appropriate programs

Friday students have no school

- Faculty will attend a conference
- Mandated to give 2 in-service days on Religion

Missoula Theatre

- 1st week of November
- 2 actors come to do it
- Mr. Theis is meeting with adult volunteers
- There are 4 days of rehearsals
- Need adult chaperones
- November 7 at 1 and 7pm are the performances
- **We** Make profit off of ticket sales and we hope we will at least break even this year; Workshop costs \$3400. So far we have 33 kids signed up

Power School

- Changeover is occurring
- 10/6 an important envelope will come home with the students with Parent access code to grade book. Each student has a code, students in the same family can be linked
- Paulina Bednarek asked if written instructions will be sent home. Mr. Theis said there will be.
- Also a School Reach update form will be sent home
- Emails from office will still be sent out on Thursdays. Regarding voice and text capabilities, those will only be used for very important things such as weather closing; However that would also be emailed
- End date for Power School switch over is late October

Homework Blog

- Mr. McAcy is helping work on this

Last project is to store data from RenWeb

We have secured the services of Vicky Les to teach Computers

- Mondays and Fridays
- She also teaches at St. Patricia

Wednesday's computer teacher will be Jessica Appericio

- She has a bachelor's degree in animation and is also the Young Rembrandt's teacher

Construction on Central

- Trees have come down
- Guard rail is down
- Excavation will be soon
- Jen Cronin asked is there an area for recess that is secured. Mr. Theis said yes a 100ft from the construction. There are also 3 adults out there now as well as cones

Trivia Night is November 8

Bingo every Friday Night

If anyone has any ideas for Veteran's Day please contact Mr. Theis.

Pastor's Report

- Central Ave.
 - About 20 dignitaries came out to get pictures. It is an election year. Cost will be about \$1.6 million for the left turn lane; It will be about a 3 month project

Last year we were told by heating people the 1956 boiler needed to be replaced.

- We signed the contract after the carnival.
- The air conditioning that was done in June still has not been paid by the archdiocese.
- Some options to fix the heat are to change over the whole system
- Some are hot water and some are steam
- What is recommended is hot water in all the buildings but we would need to change all the pipes

It would save us money in the long run. It would be a more efficient system. We could try to get reimbursed from Northern IL. However we can't do this until spring of next year.

Gym

- We put all this money into the gym and night after night no one is using it
- There was a raffle and a birthday party bid was won.
- Extended day will use it when it is cold.
- Dan Cerceo asked if there is a gym committee.
 - Father Malcolm said yes but you still need someone to lock up etc. if gym is used.
 - He would really like the gym used more.
 - Jen O'Reilly asked if he is open to renting it.

Possibly but no alcohol is allowed in the gym and we want the students to have first priority.

Jen Cronin mentioned maybe there are people who teach classes and we could charge them and give money back to the parish.

- We do have someone who has a connection with the Blackhawks.
 - There will be a floor hockey clinic.

A raffle will help and 30 kids can participate.

- Dan Cerceo asked if the leaking issue in the gym got resolved.
 - Father Malcom said the main source of water was by the door. There is a pitch problem and the area was recaulked. All the flooring except one corner has been fixed. The contractors are still fighting who will pay for this.

President's Report

- None

Committee Reports

Technology

- Dan Cerceo said his company has about 15-20 computer monitors they could donate.
- They are 17-19 inch screen and are the square format but not wide screen.
- They can be shipped directly to the school.
- Debbie Janicke said they would take the donation of the monitors.

Old Business

- There was 1 wish list request.

New Business

- Dan Cerceo would like to create a Facebook group for the board to communicate between meetings.
 - Jen Cronin and Jen O'Reilly both agreed that a committee needs to be established.
 - Joanne Buchanan disagreed on the idea of creating a Facebook page.
- A discussion ensued regarding a general Facebook page for the school.
 - o Some suggestions were that an administrative team would be needed. There would also need to be a policy and certain protocol followed. The question arose of who would do the updates. Administrators of all groups and clubs could be added to the page.
 - o The suggestion of contacting other schools who have Facebook pages was made. We would need to ask them how they monitor it. Dan Cerceo said he would look into it. Jen Cronin added that we could do a test period.

Announcements

- None

Comments/Questions from the Floor

- Debbie Janicke reminded board of Bingo nights and that the jackpot is up to \$6000 and they also sell pull tabs. They have a dedicated group of 40 people who come regularly. Trivia night is November 8th. Jen Cronin is bartending again but they need a second person to bartend and sell pull tabs. Dan Cerceo volunteered to bartend. February 14th is the Dinner Dance.

Motion to Adjourn: Jen Cronin **Second:** Dan Cerceo

Closing Prayer: Fr. Malcom

Adjourned: 8:00pm