

St. Benedict Catholic School
School Board Meeting
March 10, 2022
St. Benedict School Library

Call to order: 6:05 pm

Opening prayer: Michelle McLain-Kruse

Attendance: Sarah Christopher, Judy Franzen, Steve Haluska, Father Hertges, Elizabeth Kane, Jenn Kuehner, Michelle McLain-Kruse, Kristy Meyer, Darin Monroe, Al Weis

Review Minutes: Motion to approve February minutes, by Elizabeth, second by Al, motion carried.

Budget Review: Annual fund drive is ready to be mailed out, however, Banquet of Blessings is at the end of April, discussion on having Annual fund drive in May, which can increase income for June/July. Looking forward to the school opening up again. Motion to approve budget, Al first, Jenn second, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Monday night was parent night for Kindergarten, 4 children's parents attended. 14 people have committed. Looking at 17-20 for Kindergarten. 8th grade registration is complete. Michele Eichinger started on state assessment.

Financial/Budget: 3 attended the February meeting – passed budget for the year onto Pastoral Committee and it was approved and March meeting was cancelled. Attendance and envelope donations are increasing.

Building: Issue with boiler was fixed.

PSA: Will meet Monday, March 14 to try to look at an end of the year event.

Strategic Planning: Met Tuesday, March 8, will meet Tuesday, March 15 with Mindy Hart.

Banquet of Blessings: Close to finalizing raffle packages. Ordering 3,000 raffle tickets. Working on packages. Venue and food is finished. Heavy appetizers. Friday, April 29, 2022.

Faculty: The 7th and 8th graders will participate in speech contest at St. Teresa of Calcutta school. 3rd graders are getting ready to publish their book of fairy tales. Money was used from computer sales to purchase robotics to use for learning programming. Al mentioned that some of the high schoolers could come over and demonstrate robotics to the students here.

Old Business:

Building usage/school permits/opening up: tabled until April. Should the facilities be available to rent? Should young drivers be permitted with school permits? Should the facility be opened up again for mass, etc.? Motion to open school as normal, Monday, March 14, 2022, Elizabeth 1st, Al 2nd, motion carried.

Staff contracts: Will be given out next week. Third grade position is filled – Annika Krieg.

New Business:

Preschool Graduation Date: May 18, 2022

8th Grade Graduation: Pending

2022-2023 School Calendar: Basically operates the same as Decorah Schools.

Kindergarten cap: Motion to cap Kindergarten at 20 students, Elizabeth 1st, Al 2nd, motion carried.

Resignation: Motion to accept Mrs. Svanoe's resignation, Jenn 1st, Elizabeth 2nd, motion carried.

Closed session. In at 6:52, out at 8:11. Al made motion, Jenn 2nd, motion carried.

Motion for all staff members not covered under the State of Iowa Teacher Retention Pay Program will receive \$1,000, courtesy of St. Benedict's School. Sarah 1st, Elizabeth 2nd, motion carried.

Future Business:

Next meeting, April 7, 2022, 6 pm, St. Benedict's Church Hall.
Prayer – Steve

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.