

St. Nicholas Total Board of Education

Minutes

August 4, 2015

7:30pm

Members Present: Jeremy Kater, Bob Schommer, Kathy Brockman, Ms. Morrin, Kathy Brennan, Leah Leah VanHandel, Chris Schmidt, and Father Walter

Excused Members: Mike Vander loop, Ed Krejcie, and Mark Vander Linden

Open Floor: N/A

Approval of Agenda: Add Board Composition to New Business.

Bob Schommer makes motion to approve the agenda. Kathy Brockman seconds it all in favor motion passes.

Approval of Minutes: Chris Schmidt makes the motion to approve the minutes from June 12th. Bob Schommer seconds it all in favor motion passes.

Pastoral Comments:

1. Faith Formation has been renamed to New Evangelization Program. They are hoping to have very involved catechists or they may be looking at hiring on more staff. Father Walter will be working closely with Kathy Brennan in the next few weeks and the beginning of the school year to see what is needed.

Financial Reports: Chris reports that Courtney is very close to having reports, but they are unavailable at this time.

Administrative Reports:

1. New Evangelization-
 - a. They will see how the beginning of the year goes with volunteers to see if a position will need to be added.

- b. There are still catechist openings in the elementary level and we are looking at maybe having some high school seniors as aides in the classrooms.
 - c. Grades 10 and 11 are still in need of catechists.
 - d. Registration is slowly coming in
 - e. All elementary students will report to the parish hall right away for snack instead of having snack in the classroom. After snack they will begin class in church.
2. School-
- a. Enrollment is at 127 students
 - b. Staffing may change slightly with student numbers

Committee Reports-

- 1. Parish Council- N/A
- 2. Valley Area Special Needs- Leah VanHandel will reach out Vicky Verhasselt and see if she will attend the September meeting and explain what this is, and ask if she wants to continue attending these meetings and giving us reports.

Old Business-

- 1. Capital Campaign- they are having open forum meetings on Sunday August 23rd @ 7:30pm and Tuesday August 25th @ 6:30pm

New Business-

- 1. Meeting Format: We will meet as the whole group for about 45minutes -1hour and then break into small groups.
- 2. Responsibilities: Chris Schmidt will be the point person and will send out alerts to administrators about 1 1/2 weeks prior to the meeting so they can add to the agenda and get their reports ready. Chris will then send all reports, minutes, and agenda to the board members about 1 week before the meeting date.
- 3. Executive Session: will be scheduled on the agenda in October, January, and March
- 4. Board Composition: we reviewed the state of the board members and with the reappointment of Leah Van Handel and Mark Vander Linden and them accepting a second term we will keep the board with a balance of four representatives from school and four from New Evangelization
- 5. Kara Rottier has resigned from the Total board of Education and Father Walter accepts her resignation
- 6. Bob Schommer expressed a need for a joint choir of the school kids and the faith formation students. He also mentioned that there may be a college student who is looking to head up this kind of thing for a project.

Executive Session- N/A

Closing Prayer

Bob Schommer makes the motion to adjourn the meeting Leah VanHandel seconds all in favor motion passes.

Time 8:43pm

Next Meeting Tuesday September 1, 2015 @ 7:30