

St. Hilary School Board Meeting Minutes

Date:

May 8, 2018

In attendance:

Jamie Malick
Randy Parsons (new)
Jim Wilson (new)
Debbie Sinopoli
Lou Camerato
Tracey Arnone
Kevin McGrath (final meeting)
Brian Peterson
Paul Goske (final meeting)
Father Steve Brunovsky
Jennifer Woodman
Badie Alnemr (new)



1. Opening Prayer

2. Pastor Report

- a. We will have a transitional Deacon Starting Mat 21st through the start of the Fall Semester 2018, his name is Joshua Trefney
- b. The summer project is playground
- c. The roof over the administration wing is holding ponding water and we are in the process of accepting bids for repair
- d. First Communion picture taken and mass is Saturday, May 12th

3. Principal Report

- a. An overview of how to parent in the area of digital media, cell phones, and technology was discussed.
- b. Review the comments from Jesse Weinberger (Author of "The Boogeyman Exists")
 - i. Our school has an abnormally high number of cell phone ownership among kids
 1. Top three issues to recognize
 - a. No parental blocks imposed on kids
 - b. Kids are friending people they don't know, these strangers pop up in games, apps, and on sites
 - c. Potential for sexting
 - d. Kids are curious and will search...
 2. Her next book is "Back Lit Brain"
 - a. What cell phones do to our subconscious
 - b. How phones impact learning
 - c. How phones disrupt sleep

- c. 2018-2019 School initiatives
 - i. Celebrate our school diversity (Syria, Lebanon, India, Gahanna, Columbia)
 - 1. Discuss Learning differences
 - 2. Discuss cultural differences
 - 3. Consider China's influence upon globe
 - ii. Consider the "Better Together Program" it places groups of kids together with different learning abilities
 - iii. Interviews are ongoing
 - 1. Replace Mrs. Bisesi
 - 2. Replace Mrs. Gaffney
 - 3. Add 2nd grade teacher for large class
 - iv. Consider adding emphasis/time on core math, science, English, reading
 - 1. Moving math to 60-min / day
 - 2. More homework
 - 3. "Kahn Academy" has been successful
 - 4. "Exact Path" pilot for math, reading, English
 - a. Summer login available

4. Business Report

- a. Tuition Time; discounts available if you pay in full by May 14th
- b. At the end of May families will be enrolled in FACTS

5. Marketing Report

- a. Currently 66 new Kindergarten students
- b. School enrollment is on track with projections
- c. 710 capacity
- d. Continue to add students outside school/parish

6. Parents' Association Report

- a. Celebration committee is adding two new parents
- b. Discussed funding for playground

7. Closing Prayer