

**St. John's Academy
School Board Minutes
October 19, 2020**

**Members Present: Jeff Trumbauer, Paul Wiley, Briana Schafer,
Janel Monson, MariAnne Klosterman, Grant Kleven,
Jennifer Gasal, Jennifer Lipetzky, Jim Vollrath, Tom Herzig,
Stacy Roers-Irmen**



- I. Call to Order 5-16
 - a. Opening Prayer
- II. Recommended Actions:
 - a. Routine Matters:
 - i. Agenda Additions: None
 - ii. Guests: Nicole Champagne-
 - iii. Concerns Related to wearing masks for 3-5 year old students. Some question how developmentally appropriate it is for this age group and the long term effects experienced. The mental health impact was also questioned. Other issues such as improper mask use, how long they are being worn and risk of infection were addressed. These concerns were discussed by the board and it was determined that the risks of not wearing masks outweighed the concerns which ultimately didn't have support from the medical community. The American Academy of Pediatrics reports there are not concerns related to the age group wearing masks. From the mental health field, there is no known research that supports young children going without masks for mental health reasons or masks causing mental health problems.
 - iv. Parent Comments: Hope dinner comments that the art projects were missed.
 - b. Old Business:
 - i. Approval of Minutes: Jim motioned, Jennifer G 2nd. Motion passed.
 - c. New Business:
 - d. Action Items:
 - i. COVID Protocol: Discussion to stay the course or change plans was done with a vote to stay the course. Stacy motioned, Jennifer L 2nd, motion passed. This will be reevaluted at each board meeting until no longer needed.
 - e. Information and Proposals:
 - i. Committee Reports
 1. Building and Grounds
 - a. Fence: The grant was not awarded. The project will likely continue in the spring. The estimate for the entire fence is at \$40,000.
 - b. Sidewalk: This has to be torn up to change the incline but should be completed in the near future.

- c. Retaining wall: A new retaining wall will need to be done on the NW corner of the property.
 - d. Shed: We need to add a shed on the North lot after completion.
 - e. Parking lot: This will be looked at next spring or summer.
 - 2. Finance
 - a. HOPE Report: There is still money coming in at this time. As of today, the gross is \$171,000 with approximately \$23,000 in expenses. A thank you goes out to the Hope committee and everyone for the success.
 - 3. Long Range Planning
 - a. LRP Committee – Mtg is scheduled for November 9th at 2pm. A school assessment survey will be constructed.
 - 4. Policy: None
 - 5. Recruitment and Marketing
 - a. Enrollment Update: A 3rd grader was added so overall enrollment is up 9 for the year at 233.
 - b. Recruiting / Marketing Committee – Mtg scheduled November 2 @ 3:15pm.
 - 6. Grievance: None
 - 7. Childcare: None
 - f. Principals Report: There is a staff change in the cafeteria. Kayla Kuska has resigned her position. The chapel has been dedicated and is used daily. The method used for parent teacher conferences was reviewed and will be reevaluated. All building inspections have been completed. Central Valley Health also approved the cafeteria. The addition of Counseling/Resource is going well. Thank you to the teachers for all of their hard work and the extra they are doing this year.
 - g. Pastor's Report: NA
- III. Future Business:
 - a. Next Meeting – November 16, 2020 @ 5:15
- IV. Adjournment Janel motioned, Stacy 2nd, motion passed
- V. Closing Prayer