

St. George School Board Meeting
January 27th, 2019 (Unofficial until passed on 2/24)

Those attending were; Mr. Zach Stobart, Karen Lampkin, Donna Gleeson, Nicole LaBruyere, Mike Mueller, Msgr Higley, Nathan Kopp & Jesse Bolte. Guest Tara Englert

Karen Lampkin opened the meeting at 7pm with the Colossians Prayer and litany of the families.

Mission Statement Reflection:

- Catholic Schools Week Kick off mass went really well and people really enjoyed the students liturgies
- Mike mentioned the amount of people that stayed and helped clean up the Christmas Bazaar
- Msgr said there were a lot of students that assisted at the Fish Fry as well.

Minutes: Minutes were distributed. A spelling error was pointed out and fixed. Mike moved to pass the minutes as corrected and Donna Seconded it. Minutes passed as corrected

VBRD: Anchored in Hope, Linked by Virtues- February virtue is Cheerfulness

Pastor's Report:

- Financial Reports were sent home 2 weeks ago. Msgr went over them with the board. Balances reflect that we are in good financial standing.
- Confirmation is May 5th at 7pm at St George Church

Committee Reports:

Finance- The Balance Sheets were distributed two weeks ago via school mail and reviewed.

Home & School Report: Tara reported that they will be doing the 10-10 drawing by the end of the week. All officers agreed to do another year as officers. Christmas Bazaar should be wrapped up and will have a final number for us by the next meeting

Athletic Report: Checking \$5,163.49 Savings: 8,827.45 They will be looking for new members at the end of the year. If you know of anyone interested please have them reach out to Nathan.

LRP: Checking \$131,550.80 Savings \$50,01108.

- The west window project of the big building was approved and will be started this summer by Matt Kopp.
- LRP met on Monday, January 6th.
- New members include: Brian Englert, Kate Gerlemann, Amanda Korman, Neil Manning, Adam Penning and Travis Schulte.
- No new areas were decided upon to improve, but some of the items the committee notices/looked at were:
 - Sound system in the gym
 - Gym floor
 - Canopy's over the back gym door for people to pick up their students at afterschool care
 - Canopy from the gym stairwell door going from the side entrance to the primary building
 - Replacement of the carpet and possible replacement of the flooring outside the PK room by the water fountain.
- New Door was put in on back side of the Gym. Camera is installed but not linked up with. Some internet connection problems.
- Rollin on the River is September, 26th this year

Principal's Report:

- Mr. Stobart went over the school financials with the board
- Attendance to date is 97.1%

Parent Volunteer Readers

We had two parents sign up to volunteer to come in and read with our Early childhood Center and one parishioner to assist tutoring upper grades.

Professional Development

- Many teachers are attending conferences and planning on attending these conferences. Mrs. Bush attended a Music Directors conference last week. Mrs. Newbanks attended a STEM conference in St. Louis two weeks ago. The ECE teachers are beginning preparations for attending the Young Years conference put on by DESE.
- NCEA is April 13th through the 16th. Mr. Stobart will be out of the building.

Staff Formal Observations

Formal Observations will take place starting next week and running through February. I hope to be done by March 4 with all of my follow-ups. The Diocesan administration guide on professional development will be followed.

Reading and writing in the upper grades

I opened a discussion with the staff last week about how the upper grade building could use much improvement in their reading and writing skills. The teachers were receptive and agreed. Right now St. George uses a Reading Counts program for the students to choose books to read and then take comprehension quizzes over what they read. There is concern that the kids only choose books that are 'easy' or worth a lot of points, not necessarily books that they are interested in, hence 'damaging' their passion to read and therefore not challenging themselves to improve. Mrs. Garner would like to try a change in how the students choose books.

All State Choir: We had 3 students that represented St. George: Aspen Meyer, Victoria VanBooven, Marissa Parr

Christmas Break Painting:

A good start. The entryway to the primary building was done. A lot was learned! (This school has gone through some interesting colors on its walls and doors...)

Christmas Concert

Was well attended and went well. Many people commented to me about how it was a great concert and went smoothly. Mrs. Bush does an AMAZING job with this program.

Christmas Bazaar

Thanks to Home and School for once again all your hard work. The kids seemed to enjoy themselves and was once again a successful fundraiser.

Christmas Play: Great job to all the students and Ms. McDonald

Robotics

- o All teams competed well in December!
- o 7th grade team moved on to State Competition
- o They ended up taking first place in Robot Performance!

VBRD

- o February virtue will be Cheerfulness.

PreK and Kindergarten Screening

- o March 17, 18, 19th

Technology

- o Two new smart screens were added to classrooms over the Christmas Break; 3rd grade and 2nd grade.

Catholic School Week

- o January 26th – Feb. 1st
- o Student appreciation day is Thursday, Jan. 30th.
 - Ps-K will have Babaloo coming to put on a show for them
 - 1st-3rd grades will be going to Owensville for Bowling
 - 4th-5th grade is going to Union for roller skating
 - 6th-8th grade is going to Hidden Valley for Skiing
- o The Owensville trip and Union trip will be taking a bus but those volunteers who signed up to drive are more than welcome to go and watch/help chaperone the event.
- o The weekend masses on the 25th and 26th will be our parent appreciation mass. It will be a children's liturgy mass and also serve as our Virtue Masses for February.

o Mrs. Steiner's religion class had hoped to run a diaper drive last week for Birthright in remembrance of the anniversary of Roe v Wade and the pro-life march that occurred in Washington DC last week. With the snow days, we pushed the end of the drive to today and offered an OOU for those students who brought in diapers to donate.

Dates to Remember:

January

- o 17th – STUCO OOU day- Sports Day
- o 20 – MLK Day – No School
- o 22nd – Birthright volunteer luncheon
- o 23rd – School Bank
- o 29th – Teacher Appreciation Day
- o 30th – Student Appreciation Day
- o 31st – 8th Grade/teacher/parent volleyball game (12:30)

February

- 6th – School Bank
- 7th – H & S Fish Fry
- 11th – HHS Freshmen Orientation
- 14th – STUCO OOU – Wacky Day
- 14 – Valentine's day Cakewalk
- 20th- 2nd grade 1st Eucharist night
- 26th – Ash Wednesday

STUCO OOU Days

- o February 14 – Wacky Day
- o March 20 – Patriotic Day
- o April 17 – Hawaiian / Tropical Day

Old Business:

- Handbook for 2020-2021
 - o VBRD Discipline – what are your feelings towards the program and discipline policy
- DSP- School Calendar update. Mr. Stobart gave us a rough draft of the 2020-21 school year

New Business:

- Staff formal Observations in February contracts will be given out March 15th
- Identification procedure for when students do something other than what is listed for their dismissal procedure
- Thoughts on late start instead of a full snow day? Mr. Stobart will talk with the staff and see what their thoughts are
- With the 7 snow/ice days our last day of school is May 21st
- Facts- Registration online capabilities. Jesse is looking into what this consist of and hopefully can get it into place for next school year as she will be on maternity leave this summer
- Chromebook Policy review- Google management system was purchased with Chrome books that will be installed starting with the 6th-8th grade.
- Fifth grade parent meeting- see notes
- Personnel- Custodian work-comp update

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m with a motion by Nathan and 2nded by Nicole. The next meeting will be February 24th at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Bolte
Msgr. Greg Higley