

St. Peter – School Board Meeting Minutes
7:00 pm Wednesday September 14, 2016

Minutes provided by Jessica King

Attendance: Jessica King, Donna Kirtian, Jennifer Moritz, Beth Hunt, Julia Mize, Julie Golomski, Jessica Bandana, Jill Caruso, Matt Reh, Julie Kavanagh, Steve Missey, John Freitag, Courtney Dunn

A: Meeting called to order 7:05

B: Opening Prayer

C: Open Forum: no requests received for discussion topic

D: Decision Items: none

E: Minute Approval: none needed

F: Reports

1. **Overview of Board:**

a. **What kind of board are we?**

- b. -consensus board
- c. -open discussions
- d. -John Freitag and Father Jack ultimately are the authority
- e. -We are ambassadors
- f. -Faith, Academics, and Community
- g. -Support the mission and strategic plan

2. **Strategic Plan:** Increase community across the school/community

a. *Information regarding our self-study:*

- b. 7 year accreditation cycle
- c. Year 1: 2019-2020 school year
- d. -this involves a big analysis
- e. -sub-committees collect information and discuss strengths and areas for improvement
- f. Year 2: Visiting Team
- g. ***Break into small groups (in specific areas) to discuss strategic plan.~***

a. Academics

- 1. Can parents view the curriculum? Answer: yes, it's on the website

2. -Suggestion: Maybe put curriculum on Fast Direct
 3. -The Writing Curriculum is an internal document, but not a secret
 4. Other to discuss at future meeting:
 5. Objective #2: We would like more information about differentiation goal and curriculum based grading
- b. Technology
1. -Review plan and associated budgets
 2. -Teachers being trained
 3. -Tech teachers and tech coordinators, add more?
 4. -Comment: tech committee needs to be revived
 5. -In the MS, 2 students to every 1 machine. These are available on carts.
 6. -2nd-5th: iexcelmath.com
 7. -K-5th: Teaching in computer lab
 8. -MS +: Tech instructions takes place in classroom
 9. -long-term financing issue
- c. Safety/Health
1. -all complete (Nurse Pam) and one on-going
 2. -big concern: pedestrian traffic
 3. *Discussion*: Proposed property exchange with city (In exchange for piece of Jefferson, give the 20 ft set-back so that they can build parking spots). This obviously has not happened yet.
- d. Community
1. Goal: Being ONE in the school community...PSR included.
 2. *How do we continue to build?*
 3. Question: Why do we wait 2 days before first day of school to put out signs?
 4. Answer: We waited until after vacations and we got to it when we could
 - a. Solution: Let's do it earlier next year.
 5. Concern: new family mentor program
 - the size of the event can be intimidating
 - a. Possible solution: smaller groups/gatherings, giving guidelines to mentors, families grouped by grades
 - b. -Suggestion: a class party (PTO asked about this)
- e. Marketing

- a. *How do we get to enrollment levels we need to be at?*
- b. -There will be a committee meeting
- c. To note: SLU pulls around 20% from public schools - a growth point
- d. *What about looking outside of our boundaries? Does this pose a conflict?*
- f. Catholicity
 - g. Suggestion: Annual breakfast with speaker (parents)
 - h. Concern: need to increase mass attendance

Conclusion:

- i. -Overview of accomplishments page and goals page
- j. -Looked at data (School Vitality Report) provided by Archdiocese and Catholic Ed office

Meeting adjourned 9:10pm

Small group stay behind: cafeteria policy discussion (secretary not present for this)