

St. Peter – School Board Meeting Minutes
7:00 pm Wednesday Nov 9, 2016

Minutes provided by Donna Kirtian

Attendance: Jill Caruso, Julie Kavanagh, Julie Golomski, Jill Caruso, Beth Hunt, Molly Kramper, Katie Hingle (parish council), John Freitag, Monsignor Jack, Courtney Dunn, Donna Kirtian, Matt Reh, Steve Missey, Jessica Bendana

Guest: Kevin Stillman and Tim Fagan (Finance Committee)

A: Meeting called to order 7:04

B: Opening Prayer

C: Open Forum: no requests received for discussion topic

D: Decision items: Approval of minutes from October 12, 2016

F: Reports

1. John Freitag:
 - a. PreK and Kindergarten night went well. 38 families attended and 33 were new to the school. Would need 17-18 new families to achieve enrollment of 50 for kindergarten.
 - b. Discussed class size and that we expect 50 Kindergarten students which would mean three Kindergarten classes.
2. Kevin Stillman discussed breakeven analysis for Kindergarten.
 - a. No surplus funds available even when large Kindergarten class. We depend on the parish subsidy every year.
 - b. Break even number of students per Kindergarten class to cover all costs without a parish subsidy is 17
 - c. General consensus that 50 is the most fiscally responsible number to reach before splitting into three classes

G: Discussion

1. Donna Kirtian provided a cafeteria overview. Most food is prepared on site from scratch and is free of artificial ingredients.
2. Discussion of Faith in Action and diversity on campus.
 - a. Seeking to be more interactive with Most Holy Trinity.
 - b. Looking to encourage racial diversity in our school.
 - Brainstormed outreach ideas, ways to make St. Peter more attractive to the ethnic minority community.
 - Discussed whether Kirkwood has sufficient diversity to support such an initiative.
3. Staff updates:
 - a. Denise Luetkemeyer fell and broke her leg in two places. Plans to return to school on Monday.
 - b. Leslie Mahon taking a week of bed rest and is due in December. Julie Childress is substituting.
4. Middle School electives:
 - a. Currently the Middle School has Art, Music, Technology on Tues, Wed and Thurs and mirrored separate gender PE/Spanish classes on Mon and Fri.
 - Some kids can test out of Spanish into Spanish II.

- b. Considering offering Language Lab, DuoLingo (rather than Spanish) and could choose among several languages online. A teacher would be present. Discussed pros and cons.
- 5. Julie Golomski reviewed the shadowing policies of local middle schools including Kirkwood.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.