

Assumption School Board of Education

Board Notes

April 8, 2024

Meeting called to order: 7:02 PM

1. Opening Prayer--All; A Board Member's Prayer
2. Approved March minutes
3. Report from Administration:
Dr. Hensley:
 - a. Spanish, counselor, 2 second grade teachers, Julie Reesor accepting nurse position, Asst. Principal & Asst. DRE are hired--1st & 3rd grade, Instructional Aide openings.
 - b. Eclipse was a great experience, more for the younger than older kids.
 - c. Grandparents Day was a success! Jaime Penn did a great job having the little kids sing songs.
 - d. Grant for \$10K received but does not seem feasible to hire a para/aide to support students in need--not sure where/how we can get add'l funds to make this happen.
 - e. 16 families still have not registered for next year for various reasons (i.e. special ed needs, relocating out of state, etc). Dr. Hensley will reach out this week.
 - f. 13 students not returning; 23 still undecided--in the past two weeks, ABVM has had 6 tours with more tours coming.
 - g. Reading curriculum decided on "Wonders"--DESE approved, series completely covered financially by EAMS2A.
 - h. Grade school still undecided on what will be no longer used; Middle school is a "different beast"--their curriculum is separate on what is used for the grade school. Meeting on 4/12 to discuss plans.

- Fr. Nick:
 - a. Last night, Mission West was held after 5:30pm mass--with LifeTeen. About 200 kids attended. Locally held but next year looking to extend regionally.
 - b. April 14, 5:30pm will be "Mass on the Grass" and the men's group will host bbq after.

- c. Weekend masses have had the Children's Liturgy at the 10AM masses, has been very successful this year. We've been getting about 30 kids each weekend. Mass bags are still successful, usually for ages 3-5. 10AM Sunday School is now attended, not sure why—unsure of history, does cost \$40 whereas Children's Liturgy is free and goes about 2 weeks longer.
- d. Easter egg hunt held by the Men's Group.
 - i. Fr. Nick is wondering what the age group should be. Having it on Palm Sunday is sending a mixed message (since Easter hasn't happened yet). All decided 12 & under is appropriate—separating the age groups in areas is best practice.
- e. The Search series concluded—all responses were very positive. The platform was very helpful for families.
 - i. Holly Woytus suggested getting more postcards to send home with day school/PSR for continued use.
 - ii. Parish does pay for it but can be difficult to navigate if users don't have access to it.
 - iii. St. Augustine bought out Desloge Mansion and relocating her for various opportunities.

Holly Woytus, DRE:

- a. PK-4th Grade had Grandparents Day last Friday, April 5th. Over 400 attended. Book fair held during that time; some technology issues—but overall heard no complaints.
- b. Had 75 First Communicants this weekend over 4 masses.
- c. Lenten mass challenge—mass attendance for both day school/PSR groups hovered consistently around 30% attendance. Mudd's class(day school) & Mrs. Schneider's (PSR) won the glow-in-the-dark egg hunts.
- d. Preparing for Confirmation next
- e. May Crowning about to happen for both day school & PSR.
- f. 8th Grade graduation to be held May 16th—will start preparing for that.
- g. Looking to merge PSR nights due to low enrollment on Tuesdays (approx. 70) compared Wednesday (approx. 150)--survey to go out, decision TBD.
- h. VBS planning to come—servers camp also same week, Alejandro running camp.
- i. Bess Kleckner taking over as Asst. DRE.
- j. Numbers for VBS not available at this time. About 50 teens interested in being CITs (can earn up to 25 service hours). Still looking for adult helpers.

4. Old Business:
 - a. Update on School Board Nominations/Elections—form went out today, all info shared on various social platforms. At next meeting, should have an idea of if election will need to be held.

5. New Business:
 - a. Already shared in previous parts of meeting.
 - b. Brandon Swagman wanted to bring awareness about aggression occurring in 4th grade and heightened alert of safety concerns.
 - i. Board will look at handbook to reflect and brainstorm to offer suggestions to administration for future consideration.

6. Remarks for the good of all:
 - a. Mike Duffy gave praise to Holly for her full plate and for Grandparents Day along with all that occurred, said UPS needs to take notes!
 - b. Dr. Hensley followed up with how hard Holly Woytus has been working, all that she has accomplished and continues to do.
 - c. Fr. Nick stated how it's been such a benefit to have Jamie Burbridge part of the hiring process.
 - d. Jake shared out it's been nice to have higher attendance at masses these past few weeks; Holly hoping some may continue consistently.
 - e. Constructive conversation coming full circle regarding safety.
 - f. Having a central location for Gala purchases (i.e. golf cart raffles, gala tickets. Gala donations, dress down week, etc).

7. Closing Prayer - Katie Burle

End of meeting: 8:41 PM

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13 , 2024 at 7:00pm in the Meyer Room.