

## Assumption School Board

### December 10, 2018 – Meeting Minutes Publishable

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:06pm

**Attendees:** Greg Bergner, Patti Bergner, Cindy Swain, Carl Gentry, Father Mitch, Melinda Kruper, Katie Palmer, Jennifer Bardgett, Alison McCulloch, Hollie Sicking, Carrie Hopkins, Dr. Pat Hensley, Amy Chitwood, Katie Compardo, Jennifer Finazzo

**Opening Prayer:** Allison McCulloch

**Review of November meeting minutes:** Minutes Approved

**Last Call for New Business for the Agenda:** None

#### **Pastor's Report:**

1. It was great to see an outpouring of love and support at recent funeral services held at ABVM. We have a great sense of community at our parish.
2. Father thanks those members who have finished their term on the School Board for their time, service, and commitment while on the Board.

#### **Principal's Report:**

1. Dr. Hensley also thanks the Board members finishing their term for their assistance with the transition to ABVM.
2. There are currently three first grade classes and the need to continue with three has been and will continue to be discussed
3. New textbooks will not need to be purchased next year as originally thought, but rather for the 2020-2021 school year, which will save money for next year
  - a. The 2019-2020 school year will be spent researching text books to be purchased for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Teachers will continue to work in PLCs in the second semester.
  - a. Teacher aides will cover classrooms to allow classroom teachers to observe fellow teachers
5. The school has been awarded funds from Title I
6. Scrip purchases have raised \$50,000 for the school so far and \$5,700 was made from the Scholastic Book Fair
7. The Elf on the Shelf will be visiting classrooms on 12/19
  - a. Students will be allowed to dress down wearing red and green
  - b. They will watch The Star in the church, be sung Christmas Carols by staff, and participate in class Christmas parties.

#### **Melinda's Report**

1. The Montessori room is officially completed and work is finishing up on the emergency ramp
2. As of January 2019, 25 infants and toddlers will be enrolled in the Montessori program
3. Faith Formation: almost all second graders have completed their first reconciliation
4. Christmas programs have gone well and there is one more Day School program and one more PSR program left for the year.
5. Preparations are underway for Catholic Schools Week
  - a. Will be sure to include both Day School and PSR students
  - b. Will combine celebrating Catholic Schools Week as well as marketing for the school

#### **Old Business:**

1. School Board constitution was approved at the November meeting.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the School Board By-laws that were edited at the last Board meeting.
3. The new Constitution and By-laws will be posted to the School Board section of the ABVM website.

#### **New Business**

1. Budget for the 2019-2020 School Year
  - a. Father Mitch shared that the Finance committee will be prepared to present the school budget at the next Board meeting in January.
  - b. Father Mitch and the committee will also discuss the parish budget in January.
2. Technology Plan
  - a. The budget was reviewed and cuts were able to be made
  - b. ABVM will not be hiring an IT position but will be able to get needs met and consider a position at a later date.
  - c. Money from a grant was used to replace a broken projector
3. Mass Attendance / Participation
  - a. Father's goal is to have 3,000 people in attendance at mass on Sunday
  - b. Attendance is taken at mass three weeks out of the year to collect an average and allow the Archdiocese to compile data
    - i. Over the last 20 years, the highest attendance calculated was 29%
      1. Since that time, attendance has hovered between 23% to 25%
      2. For two years in a row, attendance has been at 21%.
  - c. Father feels that the community is not experiencing the blessing of the Eucharist
  - d. Father feels that it may be becoming more common to attend mass monthly rather than weekly
    - i. Father fears that this may lead to a culture not grounded in the church
  - e. Ideas were discussed to increase attendance of families at mass
    - i. Pick a class/grade level to participate in mass (present gifts, read, etc.)
    - ii. Attend mass as an athletic team (ABVM soccer, volleyball, etc)
    - iii. Have ushers ask more families to present gifts
    - iv. Help families to make connections as a way to increase accountability
    - v. Have younger children sit near altar to feel more included in the mass

**Remarks for the Good of All:**

1. Appreciation was shown to Dr. Hensley for taking over the fifth grade math class and providing tutoring.
2. Dr. Hensley has made many connections with children from all grades.
3. Kim Harrelson and Sara Summers's work has helped raise a significant amount of money for the school.
4. Carl has had great success with the middle school robotics team. They have competed well against high school teams and are learning a lot.

**Closing prayer:** Christa Heath

**Meeting End Time: 8:22 PM**