

Good Shepherd Catholic School Council
Good Shepherd Church Meeting Room, 6:00 PM
Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Call to Order

Attendance:

School Council: Principal Judy VanHoosier, Father Zach, new Principal Kristen Girten, Mark Davis, Brian Kessler, Brandee Schnar, Beth Keck, Sue Kroupa, Chris Newkirk, Sara Brown, Beth Elpers, and Joanie Pohl. Dan Deeg and Sara Rogier were absent.

Prayer: Father Zach opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting on April 14, 2016, were approved as written.

REPORTS:

President's Report: Mark had no report.

Pastor's Report: Father Zach reported that Marie Williams will be the new Principal at Memorial High School. Regarding capital campaigns, the Diocese receives ½ of what we raise. For instance, if the new parking lot costs \$500,000, we would need to raise \$1million.

Principal's Report: Judy reported that new Principal Kristen Girten came to GSCS on 5/5 and was introduced to the students, teachers and staff. She will finish her duties at CTK in mid-June and then spend time with Judy, as Judy will be in the office through the end of June. Kristen then told a little bit about herself to the Council members, and the Council members did likewise.

Regarding enrollment, there will be 24 students graduating from the 8th grade class. Currently, she expects 32 in the next Kindergarten class. Ten families have notified us they will not be returning due to moving either out of the state or to another county (13 children). At least 13 new families have registered (18 children), and there are several younger siblings coming into kindergarten. Other families have toured but not completed the registration process. Projection is that our numbers will be down a little for next school year.

The IREAD3 results were not available to be shared yet. ISTEP was completed the week of April 25. We had our best attendance ever. Results will not be available before the end of the school year.

Regarding Technology, their last committee meeting was May 4. Mrs. Girten was able to attend that meeting. With the Otter boxes, the iPads all survived the school year pretty well. The next time we need to purchase iPads, we will buy the "iPad Mini 4, which will be \$497 each plus the cost of the Otter box. Please see Judy's Principal's Report for more details of that meeting. Their last meeting of the school year will be May 18.

8th Grade graduation will be Monday, May 23th, and May 24th will be the last day of school.

Good Shepherd Catholic School has been named a 4 STAR school for the 5th year in a row.

Additional information can be found in Judy's complete written principal's report on file with these minutes.

Preschool Report: Beth reported that Pre-K began attending Mass last week thanks to the help of our 3rd grade buddies. They will attend the last 4 Masses of the school year. Bike Day was 5/13 and was very fun. Their end of the school year Celebration of Success will be May 19th. That program will include a singing performance by both classes, as well as a Pre-K video of "what I want to be when I grow up"; a brief reception will follow. The Little Rams will have their Field Day on May 23rd. Beth is pleased to announce that Brandee Schnarr has been hired for the position of Early Childhood Education Coordinator. Their Back to School Open House will be August 7th from 2-4pm for all new and returning students. Both of the classes are full for next school year.

Legislative Liaison: Brandee Schnarr reported that the Indiana General Assembly is currently not in session, so she has nothing to report. She did receive a thank you letter from Holly Sullivan.

Athletic Committee Report: Dan Deeg was not able to attend tonight's School Council meeting, but Judy talked about the AC guidelines that are being updated and revised, including the good comments emailed to Council members by Beth Keck. After discussion, a motion was made to accept and support those guidelines, and all in attendance approved and supported that motion. Discussion is still ongoing regarding the position of Athletic Director. Judy, Kristen and Fr. Zach all feel that it is best to have a staff member in that position.

PTO Report: Beth Keck reported that Muffins with Mom on May 12th went very well. There is not a lot going on right now; things are gearing down for school year end. PTO provided box lunches for the parent volunteers on Field Day. PTO surprised Judy with plans of landscaping the area around the flagpole, including a stone in her honor. It should be completed in July.

Parish Council Report: Sara Brown reported that she was not able to attend the last PC meeting. At that meeting, however, discussion was held regarding taking the 2 councils and turning it into one council and how it will all be accomplished. New council members have not been announced yet. They are looking for some brand new people.

Finance Committee: No report, in Sara Rogier's absence.

Tech Team Report: Technology updates were covered earlier in this meeting, and also in the written Principal's Report Judy provided.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

6 a) Athletic Committee Guidelines. These were discussed and approved earlier in this meeting.

6 b) Staffing. Brandee Schnarr will be signing her contract tonight for the position of Early Childhood Education Coordinator. Either Beth or Brandee will attend the School Council meetings in the future. Danielle Martin is not returning next school year. Laura West is a part-time grammar teacher; will add the part-time resource teacher position to her schedule. She will be full time for next year. Mark Schuler's official title will be Director of Information Technology. His duties also include Discipline as needed and helping the Principal.

Discussion was held regarding a new Federal Fair Labor Law that is coming which we will have to comply with. Sarah Gahagen will be attending a meeting in June regarding this. The deadline for these new federal standards is supposedly December 2016. It has to do with salaried vs. hourly employees (teachers are exempt) and payment of overtime. Currently, the threshold is \$23,000. The new threshold will be \$47,000.

6 c) School Council Member Replacement. The School Council will now need a new voting member to replace Brandee's current spot on the Council. Everyone was pleased that Brandee agreed to continue her role as Legislative Liaison.

Discussion was held and prior records were reviewed regarding ending dates for membership terms. Sara Brown and Brian Kessler agreed to continue on with 2nd terms; Beth Keck will stay on until 2017. Mark Davis will continue his term until 2018; he has been on the Council since 2008. Mark, however, will be in England during second semester of the 2016-2017 school year. Sue Kroupa will stay on until 2018. We may need to "start from scratch" to discern new members.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7 a) Enrollment 2016-2017. This topic was discussed earlier in the meeting.

7 b) Principal Transition. Judy will continue to work through June 30th and Kristen will complete her duties at CTK June 15th, as reported earlier in the meeting. Plans to introduce Kristen to the parish will be in the works.

The Come Holy Spirit prayer was prayed at the end of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM. There will be NO meeting in June. The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 14, 2016, at 6PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanie Pohl, Secretary