

Good Shepherd Catholic School Council
Good Shepherd Church Meeting Room, 6:00 PM
Thursday, July 21, 2016

Call to Order

Attendance:

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

Prayer: Father Zach opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting on May 18, 2016, were approved as written.

REPORTS:

President's Report: Mark had no report.

Pastor's Report: Father Zach reported that Bishop Thompson will be at Good Shepherd twice in August: Sunday 8/7 to officially install Fr. Zach as Pastor, and on Monday 8/15 in the Parish Hall (now known as St. Theresa Activity Center) to announce Phase 1 of the Diocesan-wide Capital Campaign. Good Shepherd is in need of a new parking lot. A complete re-design of the parking lot is being looked at and planned as well as some remodeling in part of the church to maximize storage; the cost could be up to \$1.3 million. Regarding the capital campaign, the Diocese receives ½ of what we raise. Regarding this campaign, we hope to not do pledge cards, but rather find a good group of parishioners who will go around and actually speak to people and groups.

Father asked for input regarding our Youth Ministry. Suggestion was made regarding starting that ministry at a younger age rather than at junior high, such as 3rd thru 5th grade. VBS was not that well attended this year, so we need to decide if we will continue that in future years or possibility have VBS spear-headed by someone other than just the Youth Minister. Perhaps we need to build a "team" to lead the Youth Ministry and not have just one director planning everything.

Principal's Report: Kristen reported that the transition is going smoothly. Enrollment numbers are still changing, currently at 346 plus 3 possible additional new students; preschool is full at 44. Paula Bell has accepted a technology teaching position at Holy Rosary; Erin Seidl will be our new 4th grade teacher. Bailey Balbach will be substitute teaching 1st semester for Dana Davis in 6th grade. 100% of GSCS 3rd graders passed IREAD. Prelim. ISTEP+ results were released to schools and parents on 7/5. Parents have until 8/12 to request a rescore. Results are expected to be finalized 9/2. Jr. High Locker set-up will be Sunday 8/7 from 11:30 to 1:00. Regis. Packets will be prepared for distribution on Friday 7/29. They will also be available after the Masses on 7/30 and 7/31. Parents will be asked to return registration information from 8-5 on Monday 8/1 and 8-3 on Tuesday 8/2. The new iPad charging cart has arrived. It will house a class set of 25 iPads. Other important upcoming August dates are detailed in Kristen's report. The Catholic Schools Office will offer the annual School Council Training on Tuesday 9/27 6:30-8pm at the Catholic Center. The flyer was passed around and our members were encouraged to attend.

Kristen passed around the Diocesan Catholic Family Handbook. Bill Blanke's prayer group will be approached regarding possibility funding these handbooks so school/church families can each have one.

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

Preschool Report: Beth reported that both of the classes are full for this coming school year. Their Open House will be held 8/7 from 2-4pm. Susie Mueller will be a new teacher assistant in the preschool classroom with Anna Ubelhor. She is taking Karen Neth's position. Jennifer Fehrenbacher will be a "floater" between both classrooms. They are currently looking for additional help in the After Care Program from 2:30-5. They may have up to 29 children in this program, the largest number to date. The Knights of Columbus will be spreading new mulch on the preschool playground this weekend, as well as installing some new outdoor musical equipment (winged chimes and drums) that was generously donated by the Fox family.

Legislative Liaison: Brandee Schnarr had no new information to report.

Athletic Committee Report: Dan Deeg reported there was no AC meeting over the summer. The last thing that happened was the approval of the Athletic Guidelines in May. Volleyball tryouts started this evening; cross country and flag football conditioning is starting.

PTO Report: Beth Keck reported they are getting things ready for the new school year. She asked what logo/color should go on the newly approved light blue uniform shirts. She will call Rocky Mattingly to discuss what the best option might be. The other uniform shirts have a gold logo. There will most likely be sign-ups for both a room mom and a PTO coordinator for each class; in the past the room moms seemed to be overwhelmed with duties, and PTO would like to alleviate that problem. They have begun working on Fall Carnival plans; trying to come up with older kids' activities and games. Fall Carnival will coincide with grandparents' day in September.

PTO has some extra money (\$5000 to \$10,000) that they would like to donate to the school and are open to ideas on what to spend it on. Establishing a technology fund is probably highest on the list. Discussion was held regarding that a technology plan is of great importance, in order to help us maintain what we have now and moving forward. They are looking forward to receiving a 5-year plan from the Tech Team. In particular, the iPad program is going to continue to need funding in the future in an ongoing fashion after our current donor runs out. Another idea for the PTO extra money would be to fund new AR books for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. PTO will work directly with Kristen on this.

Parish Council Report: Sara Brown reported that there was no meeting in June. Members for the new Parish Council are being sought. Because of the way the new Parish Council will operate, there will no longer be a Parish Council rep on the School Council.

Finance Committee: Sara Rogier reported they have been having lots of meetings lately working on the 2016-2017 budget. The budget will be on the agenda for next Tuesday's meeting. It is anticipated that a balanced budget will be presented.

Tech Team Report: Sue Kroupa reported that the Tech Team will meet in August. The 5-year plan is the big thing they are working on. Discussion was held as to what will happen to the

iPads after the 4 years that students have them (from 5th grade thru 8th grade). Give them to the graduates? Send back for credit in some way? Sell it to the student for whatever potential credit there might be?

ITEMS FOR DECISION

6 a) President, Vice President and Committee Assignments. Sue Kroupa, the current V-P, agreed to be President for 2016-2017. Dan Deeg agreed to be Vice-President. Since Brandee is now an employee of the preschool, either she or Beth will attend the School Council meetings as the Preschool rep, a non-voting position. Brandee agreed to continue her role as Legislative Liaison.

6 b) School Council Member Replacement. Discussion was held as to members' term beginning and ending dates. It was determined that the School Council is in need of one (1) new voting member. Several people had previously expressed interest in being on the Council. Those people include Greg Rawski, Chris Maynard, Jon Buck, Larry Newman, and Brian Gallagher. Other suggested persons include Mindy Matthews and Chris Shaffer. It was decided that Kristen will contact Greg Rawski, who is the Dean of the School of Business at U of E, to see if he is still interested in the position.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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

7 b) Diocesan School Council Workshop. This topic was discussed and a flyer distributed earlier in this meeting.

7 c) Goals for 2016-2017. Members were encouraged to bring ideas to the next meeting. Kristen will look up and review last year's goals.

The Come Holy Spirit prayer was prayed at the end of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 11, 2016, at 6PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanie Pohl, Secretary