



## St. Mary Immaculate Parish School School Board Agenda Minutes

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 - 7:00 PM via Zoom

---

**Welcome & Call to Order** – Meredith Patchett called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Attendance:**

Staff: Mrs. Errthum

School Board: Miche Basile, Scott Ehling, Natalie Engel, Andy Heinen, Meredith Patchett,

**Opening Prayer** – Meredith Patchett lead the opening prayer

**Administration Reports**

1. Acceptance of October 2021 Agenda

Motion by Miche Basile, seconded by Natalie Engel to accept the agenda. The motion carried by a voice vote.

2. Acceptance of September 7, 2021 Minutes

Motion by Andy Heinen, seconded by Natalie Engel to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a voice vote.

3. Pastor's Report – No Report

4. Athletics Report

a. Fall Season wrap up

- Volleyball is wrapping up with playoffs beginning next week. 8th grade night was successful. The season went well with the exception of one school that was not following mask protocols.
- Flag football went well. There has been a strong focus on safety by the SSCC and the coaches.
- Cross country went well. The girls team and 7th grader Evan Patchett are going to state.

b. Winter Season beginning

- They have a good procedure down for basketball and are only concerned about gym time since there needs to be someone manning the desk in the commons.
- 3rd and 4th grade volleyball intramurals start October 25.

c. Expectations for Spring

- Basketball intramurals will be in the spring.

5. Principal's Report

- A few School Board members need to complete the DCFS Training,
- There was a lockdown drill with the Plainfield Police Department. It went well and no families opted out.
- The golf outing was wonderful. The event made \$8,080 and one sponsorship remains to be collected, Unfortunately, the Illinois reading council event was concealed but have training scheduled for march.

- The Parish Mission went well and included a presentation for the kids on making good choices. There were take-aways from each event including crosses made by SMI 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - The National Geography Bee has been discontinued but there will be a Spelling Bee.
  - IDPH has a new decision tree. It will be included in the Wednesday Envelope and on SchoolSpeak. Parents have been very supportive and no cases so far.
  - SMI is being told by 202 that there is a shortage of drivers but First Student says there is not. They are changing bus times a lot. Two of three bus drivers were changed due to seniority. Several kids will walk home provided permission slips are signed. Sending a letter expressing gratitude, importance and willingness to help with recruiting may be helpful.
6. Home and School Report
- Meredith Patchett updated on Home and School and indicated that Jill Gauss would like to begin attending the School Board meetings.
7. Fundraising Report
- a. Trunk or Treat
    - 18 families have signed up to display trunks and the fire department and priests will participate. Attendance is similar to last year.
  - b. Breakfast with Santa
    - They got permission to cook indoors but it will be a drive-thru event.
  - c. Galabration progress
    - Calendar Raffle is still on. There was some discussion about the need for an event to bring people together, a possible outdoor event, and the challenges of outdoor events in March.
  - d. Raffle preliminary numbers
    - \$99,631 has been collected – prior to deducting prizes. There was some discussion of tracking tickets differently next year as many families fill them out last minute.
8. COVID Updates (Discussed under Principal's Report)
- a. Diocese guidelines
  - b. Testing
9. Bus Situation (Discussed under Principal's Report)
- a. Proactive approach to keep busses at SMI
10. Extra Curricular Activities
- a. Academic - Battle of The Books - Science Club - Math Club
    - The Academic and Chess teams are getting started in the next week or so. There will be a Science Honors Club.
  - b. Band
    - Band is coming up and the younger kids will be testing instruments soon. The older kids band has been meeting virtually and are hoping for a Christmas concert. The school saved space at the end of advent program for a band song or two.
    - Too many families to put in the church for an Advent Program so the school is planning to do a video.
  - c. Drama Club - Current play - Spring Musical (dates)
    - Drama Club is going very well. All Together Now is a fundraiser for drama clubs that can only be performed the weekend of 12th and 13th.

- The Spring Musical, High School Musical, will take place over Mothers' Day Weekend.

11. Mission Projects

School Board should do an event in the new year. There are a couple of food truck dates that we could assist with,

12. Culture

a. Inclusive Environment

There are some YouTube fads affecting schools everywhere. The school is trying to be proactive and there have not been any major instances at SMI.

13. Committee

Committees should brainstorm and come to next meeting with ideas.

a. Finance - Erhling

The Finance Committee has not met yet but Denise did send out reports.

b. Fundraising - Donatus, Mann

See notes under fundraising above.

c. Marketing/Communication - Engel, Patchett

d. Strategic Plan - Basile

Closing Prayer - Micheline

---

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 with the Diocese