



St. Mary Immaculate Parish School School Board Agenda Minutes

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - 7:00 PM via Zoom

Welcome & Call to Order – Mike Baumgartner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Attendance:

Staff: Mrs. Errthum

School Board: Mike Baumgartner, Todd Barber, Trish Mann, Donatus Kotogbor, Andy Heinen, Evan Beattie, Scott Ehling, Meredith Patchett, Miche Basile

Opening Prayer – Mike Baumgartner lead the opening prayer

Administration Reports

1. Pastor's Report – No Report
2. Principal's Report

Mrs. Errthum thanked the new members for joining the school board.

11 new staff were hired.

Meet the teacher night went well. Jr high parents walked through Jr High schedule. The primary teachers were excited about good attendance. Parents appreciated format and not having to sit through presentations in the gym.

Mrs. Errthum sent out training for school board. All background checks now going through Hope Bohlin. The School Board needs to do DCFS training.

Standardized testing started today (9/7/21). Grades 2,3,6, and 7 take all tests. Grades 4 and 6 just take academic tests.

Mrs. Errthum spoke with a detective from the Plainfield Police Department. The school must inform parents of lockdown drills and must give parents the choice to opt out. The next drill is next week. Miche Basile expressed that she does not recommend opting out since the practice is important. If children opt out, the school will need to find age-appropriate educational materials to teach kids about procedure. The school will determine where to hold kids opting out when they know how many there are.

Make a difference day is coming up. The school will have a booth outside so that kids can make cards for nursing homes.

SMI survived its first boil order day. The sent home a project for kids to go along with the holy day. Will get photos and make a video to show parents and others. Mike Baumgartner asked why school was cancelled. It was because we lost bus service and due to concern about younger kids putting fingers in mouths after washing their hands.

School Organizations Report

1. Trunk or Treat is off to a great start. The t-shirt order form will go onto School Speak and will go out in Wednesday envelope tomorrow. It will be a drive-through format held October 15th.
2. Galabration Committee has met. They are working on a calendar which will be out before Christmas. They will work towards an outdoor event in the spring this year instead of an indoor gathering in February.
3. Breakfast with Santa has met. They would like to do a carry-out event but to do the cooking in-house. They will move it from the north drive if cooking in house for more convenient access. Andy Heinen offered to help with the logistics plan. The Church will meet to discuss cooking in house.
4. Athletics is very active. Volleyball and XC going well. First volleyball games took place this week despite boil order. Basketball registrations have gone out.

New Business

1. New Covid Guidelines/Testing – See Principal's Report

Committees – Breakdown of New Committees

Typically, there are multiple committees which the School Board participates in. The Board discussed last year's committees and which should continue and be replaced.

1. Mission: Based on last year's surveys, no changes are needed to the Mission Statement. We need to continue with the Strategic Planning Committee to make sure we are still meeting the goals
2. Covid: Although we will keep monitoring the situation and providing input, no committee is needed this year.
3. Fundraising: There will be a Fundraising Committee this year.
4. Strategic Plan: There will be a Strategic Planning Committee this year.
5. Finance Committee: There will be a Finance Committee this year.
6. Marketing Communications: This will be a new committee this year.

School Board members should email Mike Baumgartner with what committee you want to be part of and why. He will be liason for Finance Committee but others can participate if they want.

General Discussion

Mrs. Errthum would like to see the School Board do more service projects this year.

School Board Members should contact Mrs. Errthum if there are things that need to be addressed.

The Board discussed pushing out information, the school website, communicating response to last year's survey, and marketing. A new committee was created to address Marketing and Communications.

Ending Prayer – The meeting ended with a prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7pm