

St. Joseph School Executive Board Meeting Minutes - May 14, 2024

Opening Prayer: Fr. Adam Laski

Attendance: Jerry Van Dyke, Jeremy Peterson, Laura Smith, Lisa Leach, Fr. Adam Laski, Chris Janssen, Fr. Isaiah Schick

March 5, 2024 meeting minutes approved by Laura Smith, seconded by Jeremy Peterson

Pastor's Report:

- Discussed priests' FTE status and availability: 1.0 FTE Fr. Isaiah; 0.5 FTE Fr. Adam; 0.5 FTE Fr. Joseph
- Fr. Adam led discussion and asked for prayer on the call to mission as it pertains to our Catholic identity as a school, focusing on discernment for students.

Principal's Report:

- Robotics won the Inspire Award at the World's Tournament, community raised \$4600 towards travel and participation. Jeremy will get an article off to the newspaper. Summer camps are set for June 18-21 with a Beginner camp in the AM and Advanced camp in the PM. Hoping to get a local league started as RLMS gets their robotics program up and running. Plans to host another tournament on Dec. 7 @ RLHS, ~80 middle school and high school teams. Seeking club sponsorship. Anticipate \$3700 retroactive state grant funds.
- Enrollment currently at 194 for 2024-2025 school year, anticipate a few more to join over the summer months. Discussed ways to bring awareness of our school offerings to others in the community, specifically planting the seed at baptism to prospective families.
- Staffing update: 1.0 FTE kindergarten aide (Gretchen Engle) has been hired for next year, current aides will have some changes in duties/assignments next year to better meet the needs of the school. Positions open for a music teacher for SJS and Director of Worship for the parish. Two candidates interviewing next week.

Financial Report:

- Income v Expenses on budget YTD
- All teachers' wages are being increased to 75% of public school wages (Goal 85%)
- Anticipate \$137,000 increased income next year through a combination of tuition increase, voucher program, and parish subsidies. Overall parish subsidies have been decreasing, currently at \$116,000 for current year. Goal is to be less reliant on parish subsidies.
- Roofing on school and rectory has been completed. Sidewalk repair and seal coating asphalt will be underway soon. Plan for gym floor to be restored in June.

PR Advancement Update:

- Spartan Week of Giving was a success, raised \$21,000. Intensive marketing during that week and Grandparents Day were fruitful in surpassing our goal. Many new donors to Annual Fund.
- Emily Hagen will be moving to part-time and stepping down from parish duties to focus solely on school. Hannah Prince has been hired for the Four Parish Communications and Marketing role and Emily will train her in during the transition.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Isaiah Schick

Next Meeting September 10, 2024

