

Saints Peter and Paul Board of Directors

January 20, 2015 6:00pm

Minutes

- I. Opening Prayer – Amy Pung
- II. Roll Call - Matt Johnson, Mike Boog, Julie Baty, Stacie Miller, Kristin Yalacki, Troy Droste, Veronica Meyers, Father Tom

Absent – None

Guest(s): Christine Strickling, Brad Starks

- III. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Kristin and seconded by Mike. Motion carried by voice vote.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kristin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.
- V. Communications – None
- VI. Reports
 1. Principal's report – **See written report presented by Julie Baty.** Additionally, Julie spent time with each grade level discussing the recent deaths of Kim Stewart and Hank Knoop, reviewing the grief process and reading a book on the topic with the lower grades. She reported that the students handled the news well overall. Julie contacted Jeff Stewart who appreciated all of the support by the community. There will be no school on Thursday to attend Mrs. Stewart's funeral. Hank's funeral will be Friday, with some staff and students attending.
 2. Athletic Report – Kari is not present, so Julie reported for her. Kari is feeling that the job is overwhelming, so she is seeking a committee (boosters group) to assist with the vast needs of the athletic program. Matt reported that the boys' season is going well, and more games are being gradually built into the schedule. There are discussions with the new diocese athletic director to form a league to play teams in a closer proximity (rather than so many Grand Rapids teams).
 3. Preschool Report –Nicole reported that the SSPP preschool program is the only program in the diocese with 5 stars. The diocese is encouraging a partnership with the Great Start Program to allow for an increase in students, which would dramatically increase funding to the school. If this partnership were to go through, all religious instruction must be done outside of the school day with parent permission, but all official religious items in the room may remain. The diocese sees this as a possible evangelization opportunity for students. The

creative curriculum is already in place, while home visits would have to be added. There would be many more resources from the ISD (speech, PT, OT, etc.), with additional funding per student enrolled. The hope is that if students begin at SSPP through this program, they will be more likely to stay enrolled in later grades. Father Tom asked a couple of clarifying questions on the specifics of what would be allowed/not allowed for religious instruction. There will be additional meetings on this topic to clarify specifics. Father Tom requested the topic be voted on. This will be placed as an action item for the next agenda.

4. Committee Chair Reports –

A. Mission Effectiveness – Veronica reported no meetings due to the holiday season.

B. Building and Grounds – Troy reported that he met with Dan several weeks ago. He walked through the school/grounds. The water heater, a 1972 model, is in desperate need of replacement. Action Plumbing has been contacted to replace the original with a new model donated by Matt. Troy will be in contact with Dan. The gym floor condition was discussed and possible fixes are being worked out to repair and maintain.

C. Planning and Policy – Julie is working on a new.

1. DMFC – Kristin reported the meeting this week has been postponed.

2. Marketing – Scott Toaz is working on a new billboard on the top of the hill facing south. The catholic schools week ad will be coming out. Father Tom reported that Dial-A-Ride is extending their range to Lake Odessa (\$2 for students/\$4 for adults). He indicated that this could be a possible opportunity to expand enrollment. Kristin volunteered to go to Lake Odessa to present on what SSPP offers, including passing out flyers. Julie will put information in the St. Edward's bulletin this week.

D. Finance – Father Tom reported that the parish money is dwindling. The budget needs to be cut by approximately \$40,000. The parish needs to find a way to raise more funding. There will be a joint meeting of councils next Tuesday. Father Tom has asked for all of us to come with ideas since he does not know where to cut from here.

VII. Discussion Items:

1. Technology at SSPP – Ted Paton, James Milewski, Christine Strickling

-The lab desktops are currently has 8-year-old models. The operating system is no longer supported by Apple. The online testing is not supported for standardized testing. Adam Rewa has identified a fund of approximately

\$40,000 to make upgrades (tagged specifically for technology). Ted Paton reviewed the current status and recommended Chrome books (ranging \$200-\$400). Ted's proposal is to have the parents purchase their own student's Chrome book with a possible tuition kick back (\$100 or so) for the purchase.

(He recommends this having three children enrolled at SSPP). James Milewski reported that a major advantage of Chrome books would be having current technology that coincides with the other schools in the ISD. Disadvantage: The Chrome books are 100% dependent upon the internet. There may need to be upgrades to the speed of the system. The contract is currently through Charter Business (e rate). Julie has a question about possible inappropriate content being brought in. Ted indicated that filtering products could be purchased. Parents would need to be educated and policy updates would need to be implemented. The staff should be surveyed to determine their needs. Julie asked about online textbooks (downloads vs. online), and it was explained that this depends upon the publisher. James explained the purchasing from educational institutions would allow for a discounted price (approximately \$305 per device). James recommended the following wireless products: unfy/ubiquity – wonderful products that saved thousands of dollars (approximately \$220 shipped). SSPP would need to create student email accounts. We would need drops and power near the devices. Matt recommended forming a small committee to propose a formal change.

2. Parish/School Budget – The parish allotment may not be what it used to due to the parish decrease in offertory funding.
3. Capital/Foundation Campaign Update – Matt reported that the latest update was \$581,000. Father Tom reported that the Cathedral Square assessment will be paid off first. Matt indicated that he is encouraged that more will be generated as people see progress. Father Tom indicated that there is a grant being written to assist with the painting of the church. Amy asked if there were any numbers on the percentage of parish/school families participating. Matt indicated that there are no hard numbers at this point. Alumni still need to be contacted, with follow ups to be made.

VIII. Action Items:

1. Strategic Plan – Motion by Mike supported by Veronica to approve the plan. Carried by voice vote. Julie added that this is a living document, so there can be changes at any time.

IX. Informational Items – Technology updates to come by the next meeting.

X. Executive Session – None

XI. Suggested Items for Next Meeting – Continue the discussion of the preschool program; Technology Proposal; Budget Update from Adam Rewa; work out

calendar for the year (set dates of second Tuesday of the month). The next meeting is March 12th. Euchre Tournament is February 21st at the Moose Lodge at 6:00pm, everyone brings a dish a pass. This is a fundraiser to purchase items for the auction.

XII. Closing Prayer – Veronica Meyer

XIII. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Amy seconded by Mike. Motion carried by voice vote.