

September 12th, 2022, 7:00pm

MQP Board of Education

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Danielle Emert

Beth Radefeld

Lisa Schulte

Tricia Steffens

Ms. Smith

Kelly Pimmel

Yvette Pelikan

Steve Notestine

Fr. Craig

Eric Field

Beth Ward (on phone)

Absent:

Denise Molen

Opening prayer

Introduction

Introduction to new member. Board of Education training opportunities were discussed. Training will be on September 15th and October 12th. New board members are asked to report back to Board of Education after their training is complete.

Voting:

August minutes were voted on. Passed.

Committee Discussion:

Inclusion - inclusion had a meeting last week. They are working on coming up with a handbook to give new families. The targeted areas in the handbook will include definitions, resource lists, the process at MQP, contact lists, possible parent liaisons. A BoE member spoke about the members on the committee and said there is a good mix of parents and staff. The handbook will take a while to finish and suggestions for services are wanted. Board members had a generalized discussion about the great need

for centralized source of information. BoE agreement that this will be very helpful for our families. There was also discussion of a possible addition of a mental health screener for students and more official development opportunities for staff. BoE agreement that “inclusion” is a good name because it includes a lot of services.

Marketing - All prior members of the marketing committee have agreed to come back on. Marketing got three hits from the bulletin posted at mass. A formal meeting will be set, and the focus will be on the school. Getting a uniform logo and working on the cover of the inclusion brochure are two items for the marketing committee. “Eagle bucks” have been created.

Security - A security meeting will be scheduled soon. An update will be coming at the October Board of Education meeting.

Middle school - A middle school meeting will be scheduled soon, and an update will be coming at the October meeting. There is a desire to get a few teachers involved. The goal would be to get two staff members on the middle school committee. Meetings are one time per month, and there are two events this year: “middle school madness” plus one more. The original purpose of the middle school committee was to educate families on the transition to middle school. BoE member suggested making a brochure which gives the information about middle school transition. General discussion about middle school night being offered in November. BoE member suggested making middle school night mandatory for incoming 6th grade families. BoE member asked about a uniform communication system. Some suggestions were made. Progress on communication system is being checked on.

School Improvement Process: The archdiocese is not doing any school improvement plans this year because of All Things New. Ms. Smith would like to continue updating policies to prepare for when this continues.

Principal Update: Iowa testing will be taking place. All technology in the school is working well, and there is upcoming training for teachers on how to use the promethean boards. A few positions within the school were filled.

Pastor Update:

All Board of Education members were sent a link to the All Things New information that has been released as of now. Next Thursday, Pastor will meet with the Archbishop and the working group to reveal the first draft of the plan. October 17th and October 19th are dates of feedback sessions with the whole parish. Updates: The building is being power washed. The budget looks good. Morale seems high.

Bylaws and Policies

A revision is being made to the maintenance policy based on a suggestion from BoE member. A revision is being made about the registration date to the MQP PSR registration policy. A draft will be written about the ongoing religious instruction policy. The personal committee goal statement will be rewritten based on suggestions from Board of Education.

Word on the Street:

The discipline process is being discussed, and there seems to be concern among families. Families feel that there is a lack of consistency in how discipline is handed out. Parents feel there is a lack of protocol for handling discipline.

Closing prayer

Meeting adjourned