

Good Shepherd School Board Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2011
Good Shepherd School Library

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. and opened with a prayer from Fr. Helwig.

In attendance: Father Helwig, MaKathy Donley, Jean Lindholm, Chris Fencel, Mr. Graf, Brian Hess, Mark Deja, Maura Dash, Derrick Rosenstein, Cathy Johnson, Stefani McAuliffe, Michael Whiteman, Mark Glessner

Absent: Stacy Balaban, Michelle Miller Peck, Noreen Kelly, Mario Zuccaroli

Stefani McAuliffe made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Michael Whiteman seconded the motion.

Pastor's Report – Fr. Helwig

- Happy Principal's day to Mr. Graf.
- Fr. Helwig handed out the school brochure. It is fairly general.

Principal's Report – Mr. Graf

- Grandparent's day/book fair was held. It was a great day, over 300 Grandparents attended.
- Mr. Graf met with West Shore Catholic School Principals about air time on CBS (channels 21 and 15). Looks like an opportunity to get Catholic school's names out there at a relatively good cost. Ads will most likely be on in January, and may run again in August.
- 8th grade went to Trinity for a visit. Students were happy about the visit.
- Quiz bowl at Trinity recently. Good Shepherd's 8th grade won. 7th grade represented the school just as well and were 1st to volunteer to cleanup.
- Mrs. Johnson had a meeting with the hot lunch volunteers that went well. Giant participated in the meeting also.
- Mr. Graf was at Trinity for a meeting (1st time). There seems to be good communication with all the schools and all are working together for a common goal. If the schools work together, it benefits all of the students.
- There was a Thanksgiving Prayer service today. The Student Council ran it and they did a great job.
- Regarding the latest fire drill at the school, everyone headed East. Everyone got out timely.
- There is a Middle-states meeting tomorrow. Mr. Graf announced that Good Shepherd is half way through the self-evaluation process.
- Grades 3-4 will be visiting the Harrisburg Symphony tomorrow.
- Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for Mon and Tues next week. They have half days for students, the meetings are in the afternoon.

Parish Manager's Report – Derrick Rosenstein

- Derrick reminded everyone about the Volunteer Party after 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday.

Communication Committee – Stefani McAuliffe

- In Michelle's absence, Stefani reported that the school-wide email system was recently used. There were only a few families who did not provide their information. Michelle stated that it is something worth pursuing. Michelle may present something next month. To use this system would save money and there are no start-up fees involved.
- Michelle spoke with St. Joseph School about their brochure and the possibility of creating a new one for Good Shepherd School.

Long Range Planning Committee – Cathy Johnson

- Cathy Johnson reported in Noreen's absence. The survey results have been reviewed by Mr. Graf. Noreen Kelly will address this again at the next Board meeting.

PTO Update- Maura Dash

- Upcoming events - Secret Santa (with wrapping), Christmas Pageant and Social
- PTO would like to continue the tradition of providing dinners for the teachers. It has become difficult for the teachers so this year, PTO is going to provide a light lunch with crocks of soup and bread
- Catholic Schools week is coming up on January 28 through February 3, 2012. Muffins with Mom/Donuts with Dads, Bingo, and other events will all be repeated.
- PTO is still looking for a chair person for the after school enrichment program. Mark Glessner stated that the principal's account is not to be used for that program.
- Springfest is May 11, 2012.
- The electronic School Directory and handbook was discussed at the most recent PTO meeting. Approximately 15 families have not given their information to date. The directory should be going to print soon.
- PTO is waiting on a date for Race for Education. January was the earliest date, but it's now going to have to be February or later. Maura Dash asked Father Helwig about having it during Lent. Father said it would be OK if scheduled during Lent.

Finance/Development Committee – Stefani McAuliffe

- Sale of the First Aid Kits going on now. Discussions started about the possibility of getting Smart Boards with the money raised from this fundraiser. Stefani mentioned that the majority of teachers said that they would be willing to put some of their Peak money toward the smart boards as well. Stefani handed out a spreadsheet with costs.
- Stefani said we are selling the First Aid kits after Masses as well.
- Regarding Peak, MaKathy Donley reported that there are four (4) more Peak sponsors needed in order to support every teacher.
- Mr. Graf's suggestion is that a few smart boards be given to the teachers who will use them and those teachers will build interest with the others. Mark Glessner asked if there is an option of getting two (2) demos to try out.

Policy and Education – MaKathy Donley

- Nothing to report

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Brian Hess commented that he sent out an email to the Board about the Good Shepherd Dance. The email was a sign up to chair the committees that need to form. March 10th is the current tentative date of the dance. Brian mentioned that the committees that need help now are: donations and food committees. Chris Fencel signed up for decorations and set up.

Cathy Johnson presented an Edline summary to provide the Board some education on this potential paperless technology for the school. Cathy agreed with Fr. Helwig that a sub-committee should be formed to do further investigation before a decision is made. Brian Hess commented that he will contact Cathy Johnson to request suggestions for the sub-committee.

Old Business – Stefani McAuliffe

Brian Hess commented that Renee Meyers has agreed to be the School Choice coordinator.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next School Board Meeting: January 19, 2012