

JACS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 18, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pat Lonardo, Secretary/Sacred Heart Parish Representative
Maryann Mitts/St. Peter's Parish Representative
Michael LaFerla/St. Mary's Parish Representative
Sr. Joan Schwager/Sisters of Mercy Representative
Georgiana McGriff/System Director
Ann Hamlet, Principal/St. Mary's Elementary School
Tracey Welch, Principal/St. Peter's-McAuley
Fr. Justin Monaghan, Pastor/St. Mary's Parish

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Teeter, President/St. Mary's Parish Representative
Fr. J. Friedel, Pastor/St. Peter's Parish
Patricia Moore, Treasurer; Building & Grounds/St. Peter's Parish Representative
Joe Patzner/Sacred Heart Parish Representative
Fr. Rahab Isidor, Pastor/Sacred Heart Parish

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: None

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Churchwell – Finance

Vice-President Michael LaFerla called the meeting to order.

PRAYER REQUESTS: None.

OPENING PRAYER: Given by Ann Hamlet.

PRINCIPAL/DIRECTOR REPORTS: In addition to the reports available online:

Ann Hamlet:

- Angie Howard led a faculty in-service introducing the faculty to ITBS scores, letting them manipulate some of the current test results so that at parent-teacher conferences they can help the parents better assess/understand the information.
- The scores are provided individually and by class so that comparisons can be made and growth rates can be more easily distinguished.
- Children are in good shape in terms of scores. Some misunderstandings exist amongst the parents about the difference between what is meant by 50 percent and 50 percentile. When students are in the 50 percentile they are right where they need to be and this can be misleading to parents.
- Sr. Joan asked for a clarification on: 'Replaced one aftercare worker to avoid offering benefits'. Ann explained that a cafeteria employee, who was also working after school hours was replaced by an MSSU student in order to stay under 20 hours per week to avoid benefits. The student was hired for after-school hours only. Sr. Joan questioned the balance between worrying too about finances and remembering the social justice issues within the church.
- The school has gained four new students.

Tracey Welch:

- The volleyball team took second place in conference last night. Not only is this a tribute to the girls, but also to the coaches, who have done an outstanding job in building the confidence of the girls.
- Soccer boys in collaboration with college heights has had a successful season.

- Some of the Cross Country runners have placed well.
- Basketball season is upon us.
- Michael LaFerla asked if there are organized sports structured within the school system for those students in the younger grades (6th grade) in order to build the pool of athletes starting at a younger age. As is, these children are now playing on community teams, such as at the Y, which tends to be unorganized. Lack of gym space and MSHSAA rules prevent us from having such programs. Tracey explained that will break rules if the students do too many things with the same coaches. Heidi Gardner is the contact person for more in depth answers to this issue.
- St. Peters is hosting a Mental Health Education Night on November 9th. Different organizations will be present to talk to/educate parents and faculty on mental health issues including indicator signs. The time is 6pm in the McAuley Library or MPR if additional space is needed. Any parent in the system is invited to attend.
- In the Spring, another educational night will be sponsored regarding addiction issues with drugs and alcohol
- Last Month, the topic was about Cyber Issues with our Children
- The schools gained more students yesterday. One is a senior, other a sophomore, two seventh grade boys.

Georgiana McGriff:

Strategic Planning: Discussion was held to host a ham and bean appreciation even and strategic planning meeting, but due to the Annual Appeal Kickoff on November 13, the Strategic Planning meeting will be announced at a later date.

Technology – We do a great job with the resources we have and based on the percentage of Catholics we have in the area. We also have a dedicated staff. Georgiana just returned from Cape Girardeau where she was able to sit in classrooms and observed students and teachers. She also recognized that places such as Cape, with a higher percentage of Catholics also has bigger donors than we do in Joplin. We have a lot of movement in front of us. We will get there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Finance:** None.
- **Development/Fundraising:**
 - Bishop Rice will not be available to help kickoff our Annual Appeal in mid-November. No date is set yet, but the event will occur either at Club 609 or at the high school. November 13th is a possible date. The event will be catered if held at McAuley. It needs to be held on a Monday or Tuesday to accommodate 609 closing for the evening or having employees to work the catering portion off site.
 - Bre LaFerla will not be able to be the lead for the auction this year. Amy Teeter was asked to chair the event and has declined. We are a little behind, but Georgiana reminded everyone that we were behind a couple of years ago and did just fine. We need to find someone to be the coordinator. Last year, was amazing and we will do it again this year. Spread the word.
 - We are trying to get people to change their way of thinking/buying with SCRIPT
 - We received one Grant this week - \$500 from MEEN (Mercy Elementary Education Network)

Alumni: None

Building & Grounds:

- \$23,000 was received from the insurance company for the damage from the roof to floor. The bill will be paid for those damages in the near future.
- Today, a new oak background was put behind the cross in the high school.
- Sound systems will be installed in the MPR (portable system) and gym. The hope is that both will be installed by basketball season.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Father Rahab and Georgiana had a very good visit recently and he has agreed to help with the retreat. He was happy to be included more.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Michael LaFerla mentioned the Chick-Fil-A leadership cast. It is a leadership web cast that he has attended many times and has partially sponsored approximately six times. The event consists of a group of speakers who are all leaders in different areas. He believed it would be a wonderful opportunity for McAuley seniors to learn by seeing. College Heights has typically been the venue for the event, but there is no indication of where the event will be held this Spring. It will be held May 4th, 2018 and he suggested that it be part of the curriculum. The cost is approximately \$75/person with breakfast and Chick-Fil-A for lunch. The event runs from 8am-4pm. All attendees usually receive a bag of information usually including a book. Michael attended the Missouri Freedom Forum in Mexico, MO as a high school student. Wants to look into it and thinks it would be wise to have it at a place like MSSU. Past speakers include: Andy Stanley, David Allen, Sonya Rogers-Ross, Mike Z. John Maxwell, Jack Welch, to name a few.

CLOSING PRAYER: Given by Michael LaFerla.

NEXT MEETING: November 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at McAuley High School in the Library.