

JACS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 28, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pat Lonardo, Sacred Heart Parish Representative
Maryann Mitts, St. Peter's Parish Representative
Michael LaFerla, Vice-President/St. Mary's Parish Representative
Sr. Joan Schwager, Sisters of Mercy Representative
Georgiana McGriff, System Director
Joanne Lown/Principal St. Mary's Elementary School
Tracey Welch, Principal/St. Peter's-McAuley
Fr. Joe Weidenbenner, Pastor/St. Mary's Parish
Michael Teeter, President/St. Mary's Parish Representative
Patricia Moore, Treasurer; Building & Grounds/St. Peter's Parish Representative
Fr. J. Friedel, Paster/St. Peter's Parish-Sacred Heart
Fr. Chaz Dunn, Associate Pastor St. Peter's
Kathy Patton, Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joe Patzner/Sacred Heart Parish Representative

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: None

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President Michael Teeter called the meeting to order.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Several

OPENING PRAYER: Given by Sr. Joan

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

Joanne Lown:

- Current enrollment for Preschool through 5th grade is 159.
- Each building (St. Mary's, St. Peter's, and McAuley) will identify three areas of focus: FAITH, INSTRUCTION, AND RETENTION.
- St. Mary's will work on strengthening *Parent Involvement*.
- Kicked off the school year with "Year of Mercy".
- Students, teachers and parents are excited that the updated computer lab is up and going.
- Meg Wilson, our new music teacher is starting an after-school choir program for students in grades 3-5. Checking into possibly having a pep band that will play at McAuley basketball games this year.
- Upcoming Events: Magazine Fundraiser will be held the entire month of September. Home and School will host Play at the Park Saturday, September 22, following the Warrior Basketball Camp.

Tracey Welch- St. Peter's:

- Current enrollment for grades 6th through 8th is 67.
- Focusing on learning more about Mercy roots and traditions. For the 2018-19 school year, will be doing 175 separate acts of Mercy as a school.
- Will work on more activities to include St. Mary's students to help them learn more about St. Peter's School and teachers.

- Will recognize students of the month based on attitude, effort, and living in such a way to give examples of our faith foundation.
- Home & School is working together with Kona Ice and 20% of profit will go to help the lunch program.
- Upcoming Events: Mike Patin Youth Rally, September 10th; Bill Holtmeyer, Bullying presentation, September 18th; Mercy Day Mass with Bishop Rice, September 24th.

Tracey Welch-McAuley:

- Current enrollment for grades 9th through 12th is at 86. McAuley is up 9 students this year.
- PLTW class enrollment of 14 students. Students learned to use tools by dissecting a pickle.
- Maryann Mitts will be head boys' basketball coach. Coach Mitts will have a Tuesday evening prayer time with the team. Michael Teeter will be Soccer coach.
- Mrs. Welch stated how proud she was of the way students and parents left their section after the volleyball game was completed. Spotless! McAuley showed respect!
- 2 Foreign Exchange students from China will be attending McAuley this year.
- There was an incident in Joplin that initiated a soft-lockdown. Students were only allowed outside with adult supervision.
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Georgiana McGriff:

- Annual Appeal Kickoff is September 24th. Bishop Rice will be here.
- With the help of Sr. Joan, we are focusing on Mother Catherine McAuley, Sisters of Mercy foundress and the Sisters' Pillars.
- Restarting the Strategic Planning process with key players in place.
- Staff will be attending the Ozark 7 PD day September 28th.
- Dr. Doretta Fox is working towards discovering strengths and opportunities with the students in technology.
- A great and positive start to the new school year!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance:

- Renee went over finances and presented the board with a July 2018 Balance Sheet and also a July 2017 through June 2018 Profit & Loss vs Actual. The 18-19 school budget will be ready to be approved at the September board meeting.
- Smart Tuition is up and running. It was a great decision to move forward with Smart. Parents are getting reminders if they are late with payments and will be assessed with a late fee if needed.
- Auction date is set for Friday, April 26th.
- Work is continuing on the Grotto. A new Brick vendor has been found. Sales should begin within the month.
- Basketball Homecoming- January 11th. Possibly having a small event after the game for alumni in attendance.
- Maryann Mitts has scheduled Robin Slain-Christian Faith Based Program, to share her God Given Talents with students on January 22nd. It will be open to the public, also.
- Checking to see if Leon Witt from the Diocese would be able to attend a school board meeting to answer questions on going together with other schools to purchase items at a discounted price, etc.
- Grants are being increased and we are very thankful for our Grant writing team: Chris Kastler and Jeanette Stengel.

- **Development/Fundraising:**

Building & Grounds: Presented in the board report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Talked about Lockdowns, Intruder Drills (always get students out as quickly as possible); set up alarm system to 911 to McAuley to be able to call Fire Department; check into getting cameras for the outside of building at McAuley and St. Peter's schools.
- Meal in the Meadow at the McGriff's on September 14th.

CLOSING PRAYER: Michael Teeter

NEXT MEETING: September 19th at 5:30 p.m. to be held at McAuley High School in the Library.