

JACS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2019
5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Teeter, President/St. Mary's Parish Representative
Michael LaFerla, Vice-President/St. Mary's Parish Representative
Sister Joan Schwager, Sisters of Mercy Representative
Georgiana McGriff, System Director
Fr. J. Friedel, Pastor St. Peter's/Sacred Heart
Fr. Joe Weidenbenner, Pastor St. Mary's Parish
Patricia Moore, Treasurer; Building & Grounds/St. Peter's Parish Representative
Roanna Rose, St. Peter's Parish Representative
Emily Yoakam, Principal St. Peter's/McAuley
Joanne Lown, Principal St. Mary's
Renee Motazedi, Finance Committee
Kathy Patton, Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Fr. Chaz Dunn, Associate Pastor St. Peter's
Mary Jones, Sacred Heart Parish Representative
Lyndee Staab, Sacred Heart Parish Representative

Michael Teeter, President, called the meeting to order.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Several

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. J.

Michael LaFerla made the motion to approve the September 18, 2019 Board Minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Roanna Rose. Motion passed.

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

Joanne Lown – St. Mary's Elementary:

- St. Mary's Elementary school has gained two students and lost one student, due to the student needing more Special Education needs.
- Grandparent's Day will be held November 8th, starting the day with Mass at 8:30 am. Fr. J is going to try to attend.

Emily Yoakam- St. Peter's:

- We gained a new 8th grader from Joplin, but also lost a student due to dealing with social conflicts over several years.
- Mike Howard is working to update our branding/signage in and around St. Peter's Middle School.
- October 31, there will be a Greek Play (MS/HS) at 9:00 in the MPR. Students will wear uniforms and then they can change for Greek Olympics Day.
- The week of November 4, will be IBTS testing at St. Peter's.
- Gene Aug and Sister Cecilia Ann Rezac will be at St. Peter's either November 12 or 13 to meet with Emily (mentoring).
- Started AR today. 71.5 % of students are at or above reading level. Five students are right under blue. Seven 8th graders are at yellow.

- St. Peter's CCW donated \$200 for both the Middle School and Elementary School Music programs.
- March 1, 2, and 3 will have a Self-Study/Assessment. Fr. J will look at calendar and give to Priests to put on their calendars.

Emily Yoakam – McAuley:

- We had a freshman enroll back at McAuley.
- Vida has been working hard helping to get the kitchen ready for cooking meals for students. We are trying to have one meal a week and then starting in November twice a week. We have had students as well as staff helping with the meals. We have also started a snack cart, along with peanut butter, jelly and fruit.
- "Amateur Sports" has been using McAuley name in making calendars. We did not agree to this. The company has been sending refund checks to several companies that had given money to sponsor us. If you know of any businesses that have been contacted, please let us know.
- November 8 & 9 will be the McAuley Fall play.
- Quiz Bowl was held today JV won and Varsity competed well.
- ACT scores have gone up tremendously. All scores are above the National average. ACT Aspire – students can start in 6th grade.
- The Winter Sports Show Case will be held November 15.
- Red Ribbon Week – October 28, 29 and 30. Stuco will go read a book to elementary students and in turn each elementary student will receive a book.
- Volleyball – McAuley is ranked 2nd and will play at Purdy.
- Fr. J complimented Emily Yoakam and Deb Hamilton on having their act together when meeting with parents. They did their due diligence and the end results were good. "What a shining moment in educating students."
- MSHSA is discussing having the possibility of 6th grade students participating in sports for the 20/21 school year. Will talk with St. Ann's to see if their 6th grade would join in the sports, also.

Georgiana McGriff – Director:

- There was great support at the Strategic Planning meeting held on October 9. There were over 100 people in attendance, making up several teams conducting a first-round SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats) analysis.
- A big thank you to the JACS staff who made presentations or who were on a panel discussion at the September 28th Ozark 7 Professional Development Day. These staff members did an outstanding job on representing our system.
- All JACS staff and administrators will be attending the Diocesan Teachers' Meeting in Springfield on Friday, October 18th. One of the topics at the meeting will be the new Catechesis program that we will require all staff to develop their knowledge and ability to share the Catholic faith in our schools.
- Jan Smith, for the Diocese, will be here on November 14th at 2:00 p.m. She will be meeting with the business office, administrators and pastors.
- We are looking at options to having students to come in the second semester (middle school and high school) to see how our system works here at Joplin Area Catholic Schools.
- October 29th at MSSU, is the Southwest Center for Excellence Celebration of Schools. It will be held 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Leggett and Platt Conference Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Financials:

Michal LaFerla made the motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Fr. Joe. Motion passed.

Transportation:

- We have finally sold the old bus for \$1,500.

- We are also happy to have our bus driver, Billy, back! We currently have about 10-12 students riding the bus to St. Mary's of a morning, 2-3 back from St. Mary's, and 10-15 ride in the afternoons. This is a benefit to our families.

Buildings and Grounds:

- Georgiana will talk with Jeff Neal, Patricia Moore, and Mike Howard to get another bid for the connector before the next board meeting.
- The weight room floor is finished, and the new weights will be delivered Friday.
- Parking lot at McAuley looks great and we are blessed to have such wonderful donors.

Marketing:

- We have had great donations which in turn helps to promote our schools.
- Discussion on bringing all schools under one name. This is a discussion for the Strategic Planning Committee.
- List Joplin Area Catholic Schools in the Directory. Will talk to Jan Smith.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bylaws and Constitution – Mike LaFerla and Georgiana will work on these and bring back to board for approval.

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Joe led the closing prayer.

Next Meeting: November 20th at 5:30 p.m.