

# St. James School Board Agenda

## Thursday April 25, 2013 @ 6:30pm

### *“Year of Faith”*

*The mission of St. James Catholic School is to provide a well-rounded education in a cooperative effort to prepare students for life-long learning of their Christian faith.*

- I. Call to order and prayer -- Meeting was opened at 6:38 pm with a prayer by Father.
- II. Visitors
- III. Approve past minutes -- McDole motioned to approve March minutes at Harvey seconded. Motion carried.
  
- IV. Finance Update - Mary Ward -- Our outstanding tuition balance is \$564.00. Earthly Blessings gave money to the library to put towards purchasing Children’s Choice books.
  
- V. Principal Beenblossom’s report -- Beenblossom passed out Iowa Assessment summaries for 4-6 Reading and 4-6 Math. She will be putting together an analysis of proficiency and non-proficiency.
  
- VI. Old Business
  - Marketing - recent meeting - A meeting was held with 8 people coming from various councils and parents. They brainstormed ways to market SJS more. One thing discussed was using Facebook more as a marketing tool and using it to showcase our school more. Also directing parents to our website for information. Expanding the church bulletin to include a full page of school/youth activities. Training teachers and homeroom moms to use a designated iPad to take photos and videos of the goings on in our school.
  - SJS Foundation update -- A meeting will be held on May 2nd at 5:30 in the youth room. 2006 was the last documented meeting with P. Horak, L. Gonshorowski, H. Vittetoe, R. Adam, and J. Rich as members. These members and C. Peiffer will be attending the meeting. The information that will be asked is:
    1. Fathering members to get interest back to SJS to help the School and Parish.
    2. Resurrecting the Endowment.
  - Budget Update/Enrollment update -- 68 have enrolled with 8 applying for the Kindergarten scholarship. We are currently coming in under budget from last years proposed budget.
  - School Safety -- Shawn Ellingson and Greg Goodman came and walked through the building. Their suggestion was that the North Tobin Hall door be locked during the day. The Diocese is encouraging the schools to use ALICE training. Next year there will be drills set up with the teachers.
  - SuccessMaker Update -- see Beenblossom report

VII. New Business

- Site Visit 2013-2014 -- Nov. 4-5th will be our site visit. Fred Kinne is coming May 7th to do a document walk with Beenblossom.
- Music Teacher Position -- One candidate will be interviewed for the position. She has a Catholic background and is also applying for a ½ time Spanish position at the High School. She will let us know Friday, April 26th her decision.
- School Board Elections -- May 18 and 19 are school board elections. Ballots will be sent home with non-Catholic families.
- REAP renewal -- This will be renewed.
- Graduation plans

VIII. Meeting Reports

- Parish Council -- Faith Rally will be May 11th at 6:30. Father will not be servicing a Mass at Col. Junction. Renovations will start in August.
- Home and School n/a
- Finance Council -- our budget was approved.

IX. Committee Reports

- Marketing
- Grants
- Other Committees

X. Pastor Report -- On Sept. 4th there will be an Evening of Stewardship. They are inviting school and parish council leaders to this retreat.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- Hills Bank
- \$ updates from Home and School
- Target RedCard
- School Goals
- Home and School future plans
- SJS foundation
- Time and Talent
- Maintenance Director

XII. Adjournment and closing prayer -- At 9:01 pm we closed our meeting with a prayer. McDole made a motion to close our meeting and Kleese seconded. Our next meeting is on May 15th at 6:30pm..

Dutifully submitted by

Nicole Stoutner, secretary