

St. Mary School Board Meeting
April 18, 2024

In Attendance:

Staff: Carrie Lohrey, Amy Suchaczewski, Kimberly Kendall

School Board Members: Kayla Martin, Kate Rufa, Lauren Wiley, Kara Cooper

School Board Inductee: Joe Kampf

Parents: Mia Hernandez, Jen Valdovinos, Tonia Gavin, Mary Maxey

Opening prayer

Welcome/Roll Call

Approval of minutes from February 22, 2024 School Board meeting:

- Minutes approved

Fundraising:

- **Walk-a-thon:**
 - Website success:
 - Sharing on social media
 - Sending texts, ability to share with friends and family further away
 - Each class is to track their student's laps creatively
 - A standard class list will also be provided to track laps
 - 11:30 table set up
 - Classroom goals – if achieved the students get an out of uniform day

Marketing:

- **Donut Sunday at St. Patrick's:**
 - Very successful – many new interested families
 - Questions arose about scholarship opportunities, tuition costs
 - 52 dozen donuts were served
 - Donut Sunday will occur at St. Patrick's again to coincide with Catholic Schools week
 - Perhaps reaching out to other area parishes
 - Kara Cooper will reach out to Saint Katharine Drexel
 - Perhaps show a video or have upper classman speak to represent the school

Community Outreach:

- **Biz Bunny Hop Recap:**
 - Overall, the event was a success.
 - A presence in the community for low cost/minimum effort
- **Suggested Events in the future:**
 - Hometown Days (Yorkville)
 - Sugar Grove Corn Boil
 - Both events coincide with selling 50/50 tickets

Diocesan survey:

- Postponed until next school board meeting

Welcome Joe Kampf to the school board

- Personal history of Joe and welcome

Administrative Professional's Day:

- Wednesday, April 24th
- The board will provide flowers and coffee for Mrs. Lohrey

Teacher Appreciation Week:

- May 6 – 10th
- Lunch has been donated for one day during the week
- A sign up genius will be shared so parents can cover lunch duty that day and ideally all week; this will enable faculty to eat together.

Parent Comments:

- Some were just here to offer help
- The need for improved communication was expressed
- Some suggested a parent informational meeting / the formation of a PTO
- It was decided to incorporate parent information during curriculum night
- The school board will present information to parents in repeated 20 minute sessions just like the teachers do.
- It was suggested that athletics do the same (Athletic Director Scott Kendall)
- School board committees will be represented at Curriculum Night as well and parents will be encouraged to sign up to help with particular committees and events.

Faculty Comments:

- Mrs. Such promoted Mr. Scarpino and shared how tirelessly he works on behalf of the school.
- Mrs. Lohrey shared she is always available for questions and to provide her help however possible

Closing Prayer / Meeting Adjournment

Next School Board Meeting:

- Summer, 2024
- Date TBD