



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**  
**6:00 PM, Lower Campus Library**

Board Member Attendees: Father George, John McMahon, Patrick Ellis, AJ Fossel  
School Staff Attendees: Joe Gietzen, Michael Debri, Darrell Beckwith & Amanda Cusack  
Excused Absences: Joel Postma, Daniel Long

Fr George raised the need for new membership, especially from St. Isidore, St. Alphonsus, and St. Judes.

John opened us in prayer at 6:11pm

John moved to strike the Foundational Documents and Program effectiveness survey for today's meeting. Patrick seconded. Approved by consensus.

Michael presented the enrollment update comparison. Overall enrollment is up. This is the first year we've been over 200 since the 2014-15 school year. The early childhood numbers are deceiving because this is looking at overall enrollment rather than total spots we can fill. The decrease in early childhood does not indicate a decline in program, but rather an increase in how many days individual children attend. 2023-24 will have the largest Kindergarten class since ASA opened. Currently, early childhood staffing is at a comfortable position. The closure of St. Stephens did bring us a couple of new families. We have not seen an enrollment change in response to the announcement of the change in leadership.

Joe gave the principal's report, highlighting the new SMART lab at the Upper Campus. Ms Wiser is excited to start STEAM class. The Upper Campus has new wall displays focusing on the mission of "forming saints to serve all". Joe and the Upper Campus staff plan to focus on this mission regularly throughout the school year. The Notre Dame club spent a weekend cleaning out the woods behind the baseball field. There will be a Stations of the Cross area, a large cross and very nice benches to create a prayer area in the area they cleared out. DJ Needham, former ASA student, was hired to be a teacher aide for 3rd/4th grade and Theology teacher.

Michael and Joe outlined the leadership succession plan. Joe will be taking over as principal and executive director. Beckie will still be the Early Childhood Care Director. Megan Cooke will

be taking some leadership roles, especially as teacher point person. Jenny LaPonsie will be taking some leadership as well. Joe will be staying at the Upper Campus, however he will be at the Lower Campus for a day or day and half a week. The decision to replace or not replace Michael as Lower Campus principal will be determined as we go through this change.

Michael closed the meeting with prayer at 7:10pm.