



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, Joel Postma, Daniel Longo, Michael Debri
School Staff Attendees: Joe Gietzen, Darrell Beckwith & Amanda Cusack

Joe Gietzen opened the meeting in prayer at 6:05pm

John McMahon moved to approve tonight's agenda, Joel Postma seconded the motion.
Approved by consensus.

Discussion and election of Executive Committee Members was moved to the next meeting, pending review of the board bylaws

John McMahon raised the need for help finding new board members. Father George reviewed the process for this. If a board member knows of someone that would be a good candidate for joining the board they should direct their suggestion first to the Parish Priest, the candidate name then will go to Father George for approval and appointment to the board if appropriate.

Joe Gietzen gave the principal's report. An outdoor Stations of the Cross is being added in woods behind the baseball field. The Grand Rapids club of Notre Dame is volunteering on 9/30 to help put this together. This area will provide the staff and students a peaceful, quiet, place to visit, reflect and pray. MAP testing started this week. The SMART lab is open! Marlene Wiser is teaching STEAM classes in the lab for all Upper Campus students. Students are loving the class so far! Mr. Debri's last day was on Friday 9/15. 2nd grade class gave him a heartfelt goodbye. Home & School's back to school carnival was a big hit. Fun community event for both campuses to come together. Eaglefest is coming on November 11.

Michael Debri discussed the program effectiveness survey; this shows a comparison between our school and other diocesan schools. Overall our results are very good, with some bounceback from covid changes.

Accreditation is coming up in October. Staff and board members will be meeting with the accreditation committee. Joe and Michael met with Sarah Grey, Assistant Superintendent of Diocese of Grand Rapids Schools for a legal compliance audit. The audit went very well.

Count day was on 9/15. Our official count for 2023/2024 is 214 students K-8.

Darrell Beckwith provided the board with the fiscal year end financial update.

Reminders from Father:

1. Review and know the Board of Directors Bylaws. This can be found on the Google Drive
2. Forward any new member suggestions to your Parish Priest, who will then forward the name to Father George for review
3. The Board should review current/former committees and reinstate a committee structure for the 2023/2024 school year.

John McMahon closed with prayer at 7:11pm