

Most Sacred Heart School Board Meeting  
Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Parish Conference Room

**Attendees:** Natalie Beile, Nicki Blumenfeld, Jen Buehler, John DuBois, Jonathan Heslop, Phyllis Kenney, Tim Lauber, Monica Wilson, Fr. Joe

**Notes:**

- Call to Order
- Opening Prayer by Fr. Joe
- Open Forum
  - N/A
- School Board Member Forum
  - The Board Members completed Confidentiality Agreements
  - School safety review/update
    - Monica discussed the individual in the car that would not leave when originally asked to leave and eventually left after the police came.
- Pastor's Report
  - Discussed new families to the parish and to ensure they are contacted early on regarding opportunities to enroll in the school.
  - Fr. Joe encouraged the group to continue marketing the school
- Principal's Report (attached)
  - Students in grades 2-8 have taken the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and parents will get the results next week prior to Parent/Teacher Conferences. These standardized tests help guide each teacher. With the results, teachers can emphasize weak areas and reinforce basic skills as the year unfolds.
  - The science teachers participated in MySci professional development and have begun teaching the MySci curriculum to the students. MySci was developed by Washington University in St. Louis in partnership with the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Saint Louis Zoo, and the Saint Louis Science Center. MySci is dedicated to instilling a love for science in students. With its kit-based innovative instructional materials, teachers can improve student learning through hands-on, investigative resources and support. The lessons and activities are integrated across subject areas and are aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards. Each unit emphasizes STEM learning through scientific and engineering practices, focuses on a core disciplinary idea appropriate for the grade level, and encourages students to make connections about the crosscutting concepts that unify the study of science and engineering.
  - Parents have begun using the online sign-up for Parent Teacher Conferences. These Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th and Thursday, October 26th from 3:30-7:00pm in Fr. Dowling Hall. The Scholastic Book Fair runs in conjunction with Conferences.
  - Our 4th and 5th Graders will again be attending the ABC (Art in the Basic Curriculum) program. They will visit the Art Museum four consecutive Thursdays (10/26, 11/2, 11/9, and 11/16) and docents will lead tours of various galleries at the museum. We trust that

our students are enriched by not only seeing the art, but learning about the artists, their creations, and why these pieces are part of the museum.

- The 8th Grade Parent Confirmation Meeting and the 2nd Grade Parent First Reconciliation Meeting were held last week. These yearly meetings provide sacramental education to parents as they help their children prepare for reception of the sacraments. Fr. Leo and Fr. Joe's presentations were inspiring.
- Thanks to STUCO along with Mrs. Rombach and Mrs. Baldwin for helping all celebrate Angel Week last week. In addition, pets were blessed Wednesday, October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This month we are also helping the St. Vincent de Paul Society by collecting toiletries.
- Our Home & School Golf Tournament last weekend was wonderful weather as well as very successful. Trunk or Treat is Friday, October 27 and classes will have Halloween Parties on Tuesday, October 31.
- All safety policies are reviewed regularly with teachers and students. Monthly drills are held to keep teachers and students prepared.
- Mrs. Michelle Etter, our CRE, conducted the Safe Touch classes to each grade during the last two weeks. Parents are encouraged to ask their children about this class.
- Business
  - Finance Liaison Update
    - Updated analysis of FY17 Report - the Parish provided 28% of the budget
    - Request to Finance Board regarding what details and when they can provide, which will determine if the School Board meets November 26 or December 4.
  - Marketing Committee Update
    - Marketing Committee looking at setting up a booth for the Trunk or Treat event 28 October 2:00-5:00 PM. Request for additional volunteers to assist with handing out candy and information cards.
    - The Social Media Proposal was provided but it was agreed to review it in November's board meeting but in the meantime, will be forwarded to Drew Stevens, who has a background in the area. Additionally, Jonathan provided a social media proposal via email prior to today's meeting and it was agreed to review and discuss it in the November meeting.
- Upcoming Meeting Dates
  - November 6
  - November 27 or December 4
  - February 12
  - March 5
  - March 5
  - April 9 - Discernment
  - May 7
- Remarks for the Good of All
  - Compliments to the faculty
- Prayer and Adjournment