

Most Sacred Heart School Board Meeting
Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Rectory

Attendees: Natalie Beile, Jen Buehler, John DuBois, Jeanna Graves, Jonathan Heslop, Tim Lauber, Monica Wilson, Fr. Joe

Notes:

- Call to Order
- Opening Prayer by Natalie Beile
- Open Forum
 - Parents have asked over the past month why candy cannot be given out during the Valentine's Day parties. Specific comments/questions raised included:
 - It happens once a year.
 - Fruit Rollups are allowed and loaded with sugar but not candy.
 - Are all of the lunches served at MSH as strict on nutrition as the no candy policy?
 - Other schools allow candy and even have vending machines with soda options. We appreciate no sugary drinks are served but it feels extreme when no candy is allowed for events like Valentine's Day.
 - MSH is following the Wellness Plan set by the Archdiocese but will review the policy for Valentine's Day Parties in the future.
- School Board Member Forum
 - Yearbook picture taken of the School Board
 - School board nominations
 - A couple of names were discussed
 - Nominations need to be provided by March 23
 - VP of School Board will contact nominations to check their interest of volunteering
 - School improvement survey results
- Pastor's Report
 - Bowling Fundraiser was fun and very successful
 - Two parents are becoming Catholics at the Easter Vigil
 - Fr. Joe is excited about Holy Week Services and welcomes all to attend
 - Parish Mission starts Saturday, March 10 and each night at 7:00 PM
 - Fr. Joe discussed with other priests if they have school on Holy Days of Obligation. Many do by adjusting their school agenda to allow school mass to occur.
- Principal's Report
 - Overall, the School Improvement Survey was very positive. We received great affirmation, good suggestions for improvements, and helpful reflections from parents as to how they can further help our school.
 - Throughout the year many of our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are recognized for their writing skills. Last week the Elks Club honored six of our students for winning (actually sweeping the honors) and the students received cash prizes. On Sunday, March 4, 2018

three of our students were honored by the St. Louis Symphony for their response to music (the only other school with more winners was Ladue.) Earlier in the year, three of our students were recognized for their writing about stories of St. Louis Sisters' Essay Contest. Special thanks to ALL of our teachers for continuing to teach writing skills and producing excellent writers!

- Next year's numbers are:
 - Pre-3: 19 (11 new families, current year 15)
 - Pre-4: 20 (5 new families, current year 15)
 - Pre 5 Day Full Day: 7 (3 new families, current year 9)
 - Preschool TOTAL: 46
 - K: 27 (9 new families, current year 20)
 - 1st: 18 (Down 2 families, current year 16)
 - 2nd: 15 (Down 1 family, current year 19)
 - 3rd: 18 (Down 1 family, current year 15)
 - 4th: 13 (Down 2 families, current year 18)
 - 5th: 18 (current year 17)
 - 6th: 16 (Down 1 family, current year 11)
 - 7th: 10 (current year 10)
 - 8th: 20, (current year 16)
 - K-8 TOTAL: 155
- Optional Spring Conference are Wednesday, March 14th from 3:30-7:00pm.
- Mardi Gras Carnival was fun and we raised \$1,429.85 for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Students attended Ash Wednesday Mass and are participating in Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. Students are attending Mass on Wednesdays also during Lent. Parents are welcome to attend 8:15am Mass and sit with their children.
- Pi Day Challenge Finals Wednesday, March 14, 2018. The top two students from grades 4-8 who have memorized the most digits in Pi will compete for the overall top Pi Digit memorizer @ Most Sacred Heart School. Prizes will be given to the winners.
- Parent Rebecca Mueller will again this year bring fellow scientists from Sigma Science Labs to conduct experiments with the students in grades 3-8 on Thursday, March 8, 2018.
- Mrs. White will conduct the Homers for Health (a fund raiser for Cardinal Glennon Hospital) on Friday, April 6, 2018. Winners will advance to the finals at Forest Park in May.
- The 8th graders will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 6:15pm for the PSR and parishioners and again on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 @ 2:15pm for our students. I encourage you to attend either of these presentations; it is a wonderful way to spend your time during Holy Week.
- Easter Break is from Thursday, March 29 through Monday, April 2, 2018. Classes resume on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.
- Business
 - Technology Committee Update – no updates
 - Finance Liaison Update
 - Budget Update – Cafeteria, school and preschool budgets are all favorable

- Marketing Committee Update
 - Social Media Proposal – meeting last week to discuss the message that will be communicated with Facebook. Exploring the opportunity to use Instagram and link it to Facebook.
- Upcoming Meeting Dates
 - April 9 – Discernment (optional) – Rectory @ 7:00 PM
 - May 7
 - Need to identify new officers in this meeting
 - August 13
- Remarks for the Good of All
- Prayer and Adjournment