

St. Lawrence School Advisory Board Minutes
January 9, 2024

Present: Brenda Anderson, Ted Hendricks, Kelly Peters, Emily Bjordahl, Steve Hoffman, Father Bryan Eckrich, Barry Whipkey, and Jackie Loeschke

Absent: none

The opening prayer was recited and meeting was called to order by Barry Whipkey.

There was a motion to approve the minutes from November 2023 by Jackie Loeschke and seconded by Steve Hoffman.

Principal's Report:

There will be one teacher position open for the school year of 2024-2025.

The Catholic Financial Raffle will run from January 12- February 18. The goal for the school is to raise \$15,000.

First reconciliation is scheduled for January 21 at 1:30 so both Father Brian and Father David can be in attendance.

Catholic Schools week is January 27- February 2. It will have a sky theme. Opening mass will be Saturday January 27 with meal and dance party following. Soup day will be on Tuesday, January 30 from 11:30-1:00. Friday mass will be on February 2 at 8:30 am.

Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for February 12 and 14. Valentine's parties will be held on February 13.

Mardi gras will be celebrated on Saturday, February 10th with the KC's having a burger feed following the 5 pm mass.

The Gala committee will meet on 1/10/24 to pick out a theme.

Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Johnson attended a course regarding Standard Response Protocol for school safety. Staff will be educated on new language and action to take. Parents will also be educated on new protocol being implemented with handout being sent home. Building corrections are needing to be made in order to follow safety measures, including doors being replaced and glass on entrances updated. Drills plan to be conducted two times per year.

Old Business:

Preschool will be continuing with 3-year-olds on Tuesday and Thursdays and 4-year-olds attending on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays with both having a morning and afternoon class.

New Business:

Discussion was held regarding the preschool and Kindergarten registration process. It was decided to have a registration date and time rather than handing out packets. Children that were already in the program for 3-year-old preschool and 4-year-old preschool will have first priority for the 4-year-old

preschool and Kindergarten class for the following year. On the date of the registration, parishioners will be able to register prior to non-parishioners. Registration will be held on February 5th.

A new School Management System was discussed amongst the teachers with half open to the idea and half wanting to stay with the paper report cards. The board discussed options and felt that the handwritten report cards were sufficient unless the teachers found value in paying for a new system. Mrs. Anderson will look into if a portion of the system can be purchased for the upper grades.

The next meeting is set for March 12th at 6 pm.

The closing prayer was said and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Peters