

St. Lawrence School Advisory Board Minutes
September 10, 2024

Present: Brenda Anderson, Ted Hendricks, Kelly Peters, Emily Bjordahl, Steve Hoffmann, Father Brian Eckrich, and Jackie Loeschke

Absent: Barry Whipkey

The opening prayer was recited and the meeting was called to order by Ted Hendricks.

There was a motion to approve the minutes from April 2024 by Jackie Loeschke and seconded by Emily Bjordahl.

Roles of and responsibilities of the school advisory board were reviewed.

Principal's Report:

Current enrollment for grades K-6 is 89 students. Last year at this time there were 91 students in K-6. There are currently 35 preschoolers (33 last year), making the school total 124 students. Two families chose to homeschool this year, which was a loss of 4 students.

The funds for the Kremer, Presentation Sister's, KC's, and St. Mary's scholarships have been received. The St. Mary's scholarship is a total of \$2000 that is distributed to families in need to be applied to tuition. The school is still waiting for funds to arrive for the SDPE scholarships.

Mrs. Anderson is encouraging each class to complete a service project this year.

The theme for the school year is "God's Love is Forever." Son Treasure Island will be used for Catholic Schools Week.

Grandparent's Day is scheduled for October 11, 2024. Mass will be followed with BINGO and refreshments.

Erin Homan is continuing to market the school through social media. She is currently introducing the teachers from the school.

The LIFE group dinner theatre is scheduled for November 8 and 9. The theme is "You are Getting Very Sleepy", a hypnotic murder mystery. The LIFE group has no longer been meeting, so new officers are needing to be elected in order to return the organization of the group.

Old Business:

The gaga pit is now installed on the playground. Discussion was held regarding appropriate turf to place under the pit for safety and to reduce mud.

A committee is being established to keep the momentum of the endowment. The people on this committee will work as liaisons between Marne and potential donors.

New Business:

Mrs. Anderson shared information regarding the leadership academy she is attending through the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education. This training will assist the teachers in modifying their curriculum to not only meet the state standards, but work towards a more faith-filled education and work towards

formation of the whole person. The school will develop a new mission statement and teachers will participate in a book study. Teacher training will occur on May 21-22, 2025. St. Lawrence will need to provide the funding for the travel and lodging for those leading the training.

The advisory meeting dates for this year will be November 12, January 14, March 11, and April 8.

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

The closing prayer was said and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Peters