

St. Lawrence School Advisory Board
March 14, 2022 Minutes

Present: Brenda Anderson, Dena Van Lith, Susie Wendland, Scott Wiese, Ted Hendricks, Fr. Gary DeRouchey, Kelly Peters
Absent: Rondi Scoular, Chris Kelly

The opening prayer was recited and meeting was called to order by President Scott Wiese.

There was a motion to approve the minutes from January 2022 by Kelly Peters and seconded by Ted Hendricks.

Principal's Report:

Kim Wittrock was hired to fill the custodian position and is working the afternoon shift. She has been a good fit for the position and takes initiative to complete tasks. Mel Rewitzer has moved to working the morning shift.

Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is as follows: 24 students registered and 2 on the wait list (class is full) for the MWF four-year-old preschool class, 7 students registered for the T/TH three-year-old preschool class with three forms waiting to be returned, and there are 7 students registered for kindergarten currently with the anticipation of having 12-15.

The Catholic Schools Raffle raised \$16,285 this year. The nearest winner was in Watertown.

Mardi Gras brunch served around 250 people, raising \$882. The games profited \$1105.

Smarter Balance testing will be completed the end of March-beginning of April for the 3-6 graders. Dates have been posted on the school web page.

New promethean boards have been installed. Three boards are having connectivity issues with certain computers that are being problem solved. The current wifi system has been able to effectively support the new technology.

Tailfeather photography from Webster is being arranged to take school pictures, but will not be available on registration day. The pictures will be taken during a school day, but a date has not yet been set.

August 3rd will be the registration date for the 2022-23 school year. In services dates for teachers will be August 9-11 and then they will have days off during the school year that are scheduled as in-service days. The open house will be on Monday, August 15 with the first day of school being August 17, 2022.

The Gala will have a 50's theme this year and will take place on April 29th at the Big Stone Legion. Sodak Shores is catering. The committee is working on gathering donations at this time.

Dates are still being determined for the Mystery Dinner Theater this fall, with it potentially being pushed back to November. The theme will be "Ugly Sweater."

Student Council News:

The Lap-a-thon was completed with students walking 10 minutes each morning if they wished and totaling up the number of laps completed. Ribbons and medals have been ordered for the winners.

Bags are being made for the Smarter Balanced testing to be handed out to students. Each bag contains a pencil, treats, bracelets, and a positive message.

The penny wars raised approximately \$1098 that was donated to the Ronald McDonald house.

The 6th graders have shown interest in a gaga pit for the recess area. They have researched how to make one and parents have agreed to assist with the project.

The student council is planning to have a "Why we love St. Lawrence contest" with the winner/s having the privilege of being the "principal for the day."

Old Business:

Information is still being gathered in regards to St. Lawrence starting an OST. Mrs. Anderson is working on gathering floor plans with measurements and is talking with social services to gather more details. She has been working on finding a potential director for the program without advertising, as well.

Tuition for the 2022-23 school year will be as follows:

Preschool MWF- \$100

Preschool T/TH- \$85

Kindergarten- \$1550

1st Grade- \$1650

2nd-6th Grade- \$1750

Family Cap- \$1750

New Business:

New board members have been selected. They are Jackie Loeschke, Steve Hoffman, and Barry Whipkey.

The next meeting will be held on May 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

The closing prayer was recited and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Peters