

St. Lawrence School Advisory Board
November 29, 2021 Minutes

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

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

There was a motion to approve the minutes from September 2021 by Ted and seconded by Chris.

Principal's Report:

Steps have been taken to ensure teacher accountability. Teachers now submit lesson plans online and link them directly to content standards. Professional development is being reviewed and staff is tracking what they have learned from courses and how they are implementing it. Staff observations will be completed after Christmas. Observations are completed yearly for new staff and every other year after 3 years of teaching. Teachers have met to discuss standards and have reviewed which ones are difficult to teach and other resources needed to for effectively meet those standards.

Custodian Marvin Powel will be retiring in February. Mel Rewitzer will be taking Marvin's hours (8 am-12 pm). There will be an opening for a custodian to clean classrooms starting in February.

There are currently two openings in 4-year-old preschool as one student moved and one transitioned to head start. There was one 3-year-old preschool opening, but that has already been filled.

The alumni letter was sent out in October and donations are already being received.

Greenery sales have been totaled and there was \$26,810 worth of greenery sold. The approximate profit is \$7,253. There are 6 wreaths that need to be replaced yet and 4 that were missing from the order. A van trailer from Dave Giesen was used to pick up greenery. We are looking for replacement for Van Liths to pick up greenery for next year. Jordan Brehmer has volunteered to help out next year.

The Mystery Dinner Theater went well with a great response to the play and the acting. John Lightfield is planning on writing another script. The profit from the play was \$8200.

The book fair brought it \$3,196.54 of sales and our profit was \$1,598.27. Profits helped purchase new books for the library and classrooms and new chairs for the library.

The Christmas program theme of the traditional Nativity was chosen by the 6th graders.

The Catholic United Financial raffle will kick off in January. The goal is to sell \$15,000 in tickets and we will have \$17,600 available in tickets.

Student Council News:

The students have been participating in the 30 days of Thankfulness bulletin board. Each day a student council member pulls off a thankful card and reads it over the intercom to remind us of what we should be thankful for.

The student council is collecting items for blessing boxes again this year. The food pantry has requested no turkey dinner donations as they have enough. Instead, students are collecting family items (gingerbread house kits, fuzzy socks, pop its, cider, popcorn, hot cocoa).

The students put on a talent show for the 6th year. There were all kinds of entries including gymnastics, piano, violin, singing, dancing, and hula hooping.

The LIFE group is taking over the organization of the Missoula Play, which will take place on Feb. 7-11, 2022. The group is working on finding housing for the two staff that will assist with the play. The play will be held in the school theatre during conferences week with shows being performed that Friday in the afternoon and evening.

Old Business:

Information is still being gathered in regards to St. Lawrence starting an OST. Initially, it was thought that students would be able to transition to OST at the public school in the summer, but now the director does not think that is a possibility.

New Business:

Grants were acquired for school technology and are being used to cover the cost of new promethean boards. There were 9 boards purchased for a total of approximately \$40,000 that will be installed in classrooms sometime this spring.

Employees from Valley Queen cheese that make donations to St. Lawrence school are able to have their contributions matched by Valley Queen. The donation must be made to the school and not the church.

The next meeting will be held on January 10, 2022 at 6:15 pm.

The closing prayer was recited and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Peters