

St. Lawrence School Advisory Board  
September 13, 2021 Minutes

Present: Brenda Anderson, Chris Kelly, Dena Van Lith, Susie Wendland, Scott Wiese, Ted Hendricks, Kelly Peters

Absent: Fr. Gary DeRouchey, Rondi Scoular

The opening prayer was recited and meeting was called to order.

There was a motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 2021 by Ted and seconded by Dena.

Principal's Report:

Current counts for each class is as follows:

Pre-21, K 19, 1<sup>st</sup>-13, 2<sup>nd</sup>-14, 3<sup>rd</sup>-14, 4<sup>th</sup>-9, 5<sup>th</sup>-13, 6<sup>th</sup>-10

We are up 10 students from the 2020-2021 school year.

New staff member this year is Mel Rewitzer that is the custodian. Mrs. Anderson reported that he is doing a great job.

There have been multiple scholarships and grants offered and utilized for the 2021-2022 school year. The Kremer scholarship totaling \$10,000 was split among 11 students. The Knights of Columbus scholarship was awarded to 1 preschooler. The Presentation Sisters awarded \$750 each to 2 different students. The SDPE approved 9 applications and are awaiting on 5 new applications.

The theme for the school year is "120 years of Celebrating St. Lawrence school/Serving One Another in Love."

EANS funding which is federal funding for nonpublic schools was used to purchase 8 lunch tables, one ride on floor cleaner, and 15 chrome books.

Bishop DeGrood has released a plan for the upcoming school year: "Return to Normal: Expectation for In-School Learning." The school does have COVID testing kits on hand.

There have been questions about masking on buses and at this time there is nothing in place that states students need to wear them. Mrs. Anderson will let parents know if this changes.

A new math curriculum was purchased for use this school year. The teachers are working through all of the options of videos and new learning tools.

St. Lawrence is considering starting an OST if details can be worked out and there is enough interest. The facility would need to be a licensed childcare center and spaces would need to be defined for the after-school program.

Technology considerations for this year include replacing some or all promethean boards, updating or adding computers for the lab, and purchasing new chrome books (3<sup>rd</sup> grade class gets new chrome books each year.

Student Council Report:

Student council meetings will be held every other Wednesday and the student council store will be every other Friday. Dena VanLith and Mandy Peterson will be helping with the store.

LIFE Group Report:

The Dinner Theatre theme is the same from last year, "Murder Mystery Dress Rehearsal Murder Mystery" and will take place on October 8 and 9. One male actor is still needed for the performances.

There was no Old Business on the agenda.

New Business:

The advisory council will meet on November 8, January 10, March 14, and May 9 for this school year.

Advisory council members , Rondi, Scott, and Dena, will be looking for replacements at the end of this school year.

The next meeting will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm.

The closing prayer was recited and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Peters