



OLL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2023

MEMBERS

Kelly Geadelmann (chair)	P	Melinda Young (technology)	P	Fr. Peter Richards (pastor)	P
Katy Miller (Finance)	P	Rachel Iverson (marketing)	A	Becky Kennedy (principal)	A
Gretchen Chilson (education)	P	Beth Frye (fundraising)	A	Rhonda Eurich (church admin)	P
Connor Sir (finance)	A	Steve Boatright (parish council rep)	A	Amanda Moodie (advancement dir)	P
Jennifer Simmonds (at large)	P	Nancy Erdmann (faculty rep)	A	Amanda Young (dir of fundraising)	P
Ginger Skaja (education)	A			Meaghan Rasset (faculty rep)	
		A=Absent, P=Present			

- **Opening Prayer**

- **Approval of January Minutes**

Gretchen motion. Melinda second. Passed.

- **School Update**

Middle School

With the current numbers for 5th and 6 grade, we would be as large as I would want for the class to be. We will put in the budget for adding a teacher to split the 5/6 students for all core classes and then possibly mix them for specials to add social aspects. If we don't do it this year, we will have to hire the following year, given the class sizes of current 3rd and 4th graders. If numbers drop before hiring, we will not hire for the position. I am currently working with a staff member on what position we will be hiring for.

Parent Education and Community Building

I have had many conversations in the last three weeks about the desire for parents to gather, share information, and maybe learn something about how to parent. This is a topic to discuss further and see how the school can help.

Catholic Schools Week

We had a successful CSW with masses, Open House, and activities for each day of the week. The students were excited and involved. We even brought back the talent show, and watching our students encourage each other and cheer them on reaffirmed our mission as school.

State of the School

The new version of the State of the School went out to our community last week. The Coffee time to ask questions had low attendance, with one person. We are still determining how many people viewed the video. You can view the video [here](#).

School Kitchen

Mark is working on quotes for updating the school kitchen. Completion is looking at the summer of 2024.

Outdoor Classroom

I have secured some PD for staff on teaching students outside. We will look at how the current outdoor classroom is used and determine how to use this space best. This will probably be in our School Strategic Plan.

Lockers

We are looking at replacing the small mismatch lockers on the second floor to match the rest of the school and better serve the students. The small lockers do not work well. (capital campaign)

Monthly Service Project

Sidewalk Kindness Chalk in the building

Virtues In Practice (VIP)

In February, students focus on Fortitude

MNSAA Time Line

February:

1. Staff started working through self-study narrations and evidence and name strengths and weaknesses as a group
2. The parent survey will be sent out after parent/teacher conferences - Sending next Wednesday

March:

1. Start identifying strengths and weaknesses from the parent survey- Becky and Board
2. Staff will continue combing through self-study narrations and evidence and name strengths and weaknesses

April:

1. Create the first draft of the School Strategic Plan based on self-study and survey results(Blank Template attached with Objective)

August

1. Finalize SSP
2. Share information with the community about a visit

November

1. Site visit

- **Enrollment Update**

“Save your Spot” opened on Jan 5: We are waiting to hear from 21 students (18 families) to indicate plans for next year.

Gr.	2/16/23	Gr.	2/16/23
K	24	K	19
1	14	1	20
2	16	2	14
3	16	3	16
4	16	4	15
5	11	5	16
6	7	6	8 (24 in 5 / 6)
7	12	7	6
8	9	8	9 (17 in 7 / 8)
KR	18	KR	15
4-5	20	4-5	15
3-5	(1)20	3-5	11
total	182	total	165
PreK	59	PreK	42
k-8	125	k-8	123
k-4	86	k-4	85
5-8	39	5-8	39

Community Building Events:

- Sweetheart (“Daddy Daughter”) Dance: 2/11
- 3/10: Family Service Night, Feed my Starving Children
- March: MS Hide and Seek

Marketing:

Board members: Please “LIKE” our FB and IG page
 We now have 1,010 FB likes and 404 IG following
 In the last 28 days: Post have reached 9.1K people

You can increase our social media visibility by actively following our FB and IG page. When you like, comment, share the analytics “nudge” your social media friends with similar interests. They now see OLL ads, posts and videos that might not have shown on their page.

Lake Mtka Laminated Map: Ad space purchased 2x2 front of map for 2023

Thaler Ice Arena: Inquiries have been made into ad space. Signs within the ice arena. Could require a multiple year contract? Waiting to hear back from the ice arena owner.

Lunds/Byerlys Navarre: Discussing potential for ad visibility options within their stores and surrounding stores. Digital Ad board above Purell dispenser. Currently there is a 2 year wait. Discussing other options in the area and looking at pricing.

Still looking for ideas on local visibility opportunities that are not magazine or newspaper print ads. All ideas are welcome.

- **Finance Update**

We are projecting 21,000 surplus at end of year, and have begun working on next year's budget.

- **Fundraising Update**

- Catholic Schools Raffle: We are \$1,275 away from our \$12,000 goal
- Help a Student: We are \$1,082 from our \$60,000 goal.
- Keg and Cork is March 4th: Save the Date! We'd love to see you there.

- **Open Discussion**

Jennifer: Middle School survey discussion.

20 of 21 responses said they wanted after-school activities in MS.

Athletics, Arts, Enrichments were the top three choices. Then clubs, STEM, recreation.

Empower MS students as leaders (they don't want to do classes that are for the little kids)

Additional idea to connect kids after-school to food shelf or other service.

- **Closing Prayer**