

St. Patrick School Board Meeting Minutes
Sept 9, 2014

In Attendance: Fr. Jeffery Shooner (Pastor), Fr. Chris Rhodes (Associate Pastor), Dr. Michael Bratcher (Principal), Renee Puffer (Chairperson), Sean Cox (Vice Chairperson), Stephanie Murphy, Chantal Prewitt, Susan Francke, Brad Savko, Kristie Thieman, Nicole Burke (2014-15 PTO representative), Brittany Byrd (Faculty Representative), Charlene Bechely (Faculty Representative).

Absent: Megan Kelley, Alissa Domine, Brian Fox

Pastor's Report: Father Jeff did not provide a formal report. Fr. Jeff mentioned he will be taking a trip over the next 7 days to hike at the Glacier National Park in Montana. He couldn't be more excited about the opportunity. Fr. Jeff and Fr. Chris had a meeting this morning with Leisa Schulz, Mary Beth Bowling and Judy Thomas of the Archdiocese of Louisville. It was a very positive meeting with an assessment of the school and the future of the school. Everything else seems to be going well from his perspective. Both Fr. Jeff and Fr. Chris have been spending time with the children and all has been going well.

Principal's Report:

With much anticipation the new school began in August with meetings for returning and new teachers, a new and improved registration process, parent meetings, and the very important Opening Mass. In keeping with our tradition, we installed new ways of doing things, always looking for the smartest and most efficient processes. Every pillar of school life gave attention to continuous improvement.

Catholic Identity –

We continue to make efforts to maintain and fine-tune our Catholic Character as a school community, attempting to raise our consciousness as we move ahead. We remain sensitive to our Catholic Character in the hiring and utilization of faculty, staff and support personnel. Our Catholic Character remains a priority in its position of the ongoing Strategic Plan.

St. Patrick Catholic School is a school deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition. We make every effort to help our students know and understand the living Christ Jesus in their lives.

- The staff attended a retreat at Mt. Saint Francis on 8/15.
- The Catholic Identity committee met on 8/26.

Goal Statement – To create a student-centered Catholic school community recognized for its excellence in the formation of the whole child.

Purpose and Direction –

- Teachers are submitting Long Range Lesson Plans, SMART Goals and Professional Growth Plans that compliment and align with the SIP.
- The Purpose and Direction committee met on 8/25. We will be doing work with our mission and vision statements this school year.

Goal Statement – To insure the current and comprehensive School Improvement Plan (SIP) is followed and assessed monthly

Governance and Leadership –

- Mrs. Kayrouz, guidance counselor, attended the 8th Annual National Conference on Girl Bullying and Relational Aggression in Chicago this past summer.
- The Leadership Team in the parish-school continues to meet on a weekly basis.

Goal Statement – To ensure the on-going formation and development of a committed, informed School Board.

Teaching and Assessing for Learning –

- Dr. Bratcher and Mrs. Kelly will start formal classroom observations this week.
- The Leadership Team will start conducting eWalks this week as well.
- We continue to work with all of our new technology. JK-2nd grade are enjoying iPads; 3-5 seem to like the laptops; 6-8 really like the Chromebooks.

Goal Statement – To continue providing effective learning experiences to meet the needs of all students.

Resources and Support Systems –

- Mrs. Jennifer Martin, Spanish teacher, attend a language school over the summer in Costa Rica for 5 weeks, and took 4 classes towards her ESL certificate and masters degree in ESL.
- Mr. Steve Hardin, technology committee, has updated the St. Patrick Catholic School app. It is currently at apple being reviewed before it will be at the app store.
- The staff obtained C.P.R. certification on 8/14 thanks to parishioner, Chris Meiners.
- We've held two Mock Schedule Nights for parents of students in grades JK-2 and 6-8. Both were heavily attended.

Goal Statement – To provide school facilities that meet the needs of our changing school community.

Using Results for Continuous Improvement –

- Teachers will devote the first 1 p.m. dismissal day in September to analyzing Terra Nova data with their grade levels.
- Dr. Bratcher, Mrs. Kelly, and Sr. Sarah are all working with our 3rd grade classes co-teaching a Terra Nova prep class.

Goal Statement – To integrate innovative technologies in the area of assessment, as well as further design ways to connect summative and formative assessment to instruction, and research best practices.

Next School Board Meeting is scheduled: 11/4/14 at 6:00pm

Meeting dates for 2014-2015 are as follows: 8/7/14, 9/2/14, **11/4/14**, 1/6/15, 3/3/15, 4/14/15 (tentative), and 6/2/15.