

St. Patrick School Board Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2015

In Attendance: Fr. Jeffery Shooner (Pastor), Dr. Michael Bratcher (Principal), Megan Kelley (Chairperson), Brian Fox (Vice Chairperson), Cheri Elmore (Secretary), Stephanie Murphy, Susan Francke, Brad Savko, Alissa Domine, Lee Zderski, Todd Hill, Julie Long, Cara Schaaf (Faculty Representative 1-5), Leah Mullen (Faculty Representative 6-8).

Absent: Jada Wilson (2015-2016 PTO Representative)

Pastor's Report: Father Jeff discussed recent additions to the staff and delay of strategic planning this year. In place of strategic planning for this year the focus will continue with Evangelization, Youth Ministry, and Stewardship. Fr. Jeff mentioned an opportunity to engage with Evangelization and Todd Hill volunteered to represent the School Board. Thanks to Dr. Bratcher for his support around the "That Man is You" program.

Principal's Report:

We are gearing up to open our school doors for the 23rd time. A lot of work has taken place over the summer to prepare to welcome our returning students, but also to extend a very special welcome to a little over 50 transfer students, 15 Preschool students, 60 junior kindergarten and kindergarten students.

All of our students will be welcomed into the life of our parish-school with academic, social, spiritual and spirit-raising events. We are also excited about the new colleagues who will be joining us.

This report highlights some important things to be excited about as we begin the 2015-2016 school year. It is organized and classified by the pillars of the advancED accreditation process which continues to lead our school into the future. Please note the pillars have changed to – Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, Operational Vitality.

Mission and Catholic Identity –

We continue to make it a priority to fine-tune our Catholic Identity 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. All of the folks joining us this year are practicing Catholics.

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.

- Once again, our students will be actively involved in the celebration of Holy Mass. Our students will attend mass every Wednesday morning from 8:00-9:00 a.m. The first Mass will take place on the first full day of school, August 19. Please join us if you are able.
- Our kindergarten and 1st grade students will have several opportunities for prayer and worship, and will again lead monthly prayer services.
- Mrs. Joanna O'Bryan has joined us as our Youth Minister. Mrs. O'Bryan is in the process of outlining a plan of action for Youth Ministry this year. Her office is located in the Commons area.

Governance and Leadership –

- The School Board is scheduled to meet six times this school year (dates outlined below).
- We will hold two informational sessions (Mock Schedule Nights) for parents to come to learn more about the school year (6-8: August 26, 1-5: August 27). Parent informational nights will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Church with an address by Fr. Jeff, Dr. Bratcher, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Wilson (PTO). Our teachers and staff will be formally introduced to our parents at that time.
- Ms. Jodi Michel is continuing as our webmaster. Please feel free to offer feedback as it pertains to our school's website and the information posted there.

Faculty/ Staff changes

Mrs. Tamara Barton will join us as the Director of our Preschool. A native of Louisville, KY, Mrs. Barton attended Morehead State University and the University of Louisville. She previously worked nine years at St. Matthews Baptist Church in the *Parents Day Out* and Preschool programs. Most recently, she cared for infants at Highland Community Ministries.

Ms. Sarah Coomes will join us as our Resource teacher. Ms. Coomes comes to us from Oldham County Schools. She will work with students in grades k-3 with Reading and Math. Ms. Coomes is a certified teacher and counselor.

Mrs. Kay Davis will join us as a teaching assistant. Mrs. Davis has been an instructional assistant for 13 years in Carmel, IN. Kay and her husband relocated to Louisville last fall. She is excited to get back into the classroom. Mrs. Davis will assist Mrs. Willett in first grade.

Mr. Alex Dotsey will join us as a 7th grade English and Literature teacher. Mr. Dotsey is from Owensboro, KY. He attended Owensboro Catholic High School before moving to Louisville to obtain a BA in Education from the University of Louisville. Mr. Dotsey will help with KYA and our Spring Drama program.

Ms. Angela Herde will join us as our JK-5th grade music teacher and will work one day a week as our JK teacher. Ms. Herde has a BA in Education from Centre College and a MA in Teaching from Bellarmine University. Ms. Herde subbed for us several times this year. She is excited about being here at St. Patrick full time.

Ms. Natalie Hoffman will join us as a 3rd and 5th grade teaching assistant. Ms. Hoffman is a St. Patrick Catholic School graduate. She has helped us most recently with Camp Broadway and our school musicals. Ms. Hoffman holds a BA in Education from the University of Louisville. She is very excited about being back at St. Patrick fulltime.

Mrs. Colleen Keeney will teach JK-5th grade Spanish. Mrs. Keeney is coming to us from St. John Paul the Great School in Dumfries, VA. Mrs. Keeney has been a classroom teacher, student advisor, Dean of Students, and Athletic Director. She obtained her degree from Anahuac University in Mexico City.

Ms. Linda Marvel will join us as a 4th grade Science and Literature teacher. Ms. Marvel holds a BA in Education from Eastern Kentucky University. Ms. Marvel comes to us from St. Augustine, FL., where she taught for 28 years. Ms. Marvel subbed for Karen Torsky this past fall and did an outstanding job.

Ms. Haley Senninger will join us as a 5th grade Math and Literature teacher. Ms. Senninger is a graduate of St. Patrick Catholic School. She obtained a BA in Education from Transylvania University. Ms. Senninger is currently finishing a MA degree as a Literacy Specialist. Ms. Senninger is coming to us from Notre Dame Academy where she has taught 4th grade for three years.

Mrs. Kelly Shanks will join us in our student guidance department. Mrs. Shanks comes to us after having spent the last nine years as a School Psychologist. Mrs. Shanks holds a BA in Psychology from the University of Louisville. She is excited about her new adventure as a part-time guidance counselor at St. Patrick.

Mr. Nathan Sturtzel will join us as the new Director of Student Achievement. Mr. Sturtzel is coming to us from Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate School in Tampa, Florida. Prior to Brooks DeBartolo, Mr. Sturtzel completed an International teaching assignment in Barcelona, Spain. Mr. Sturtzel holds a BA in Education from Western Kentucky University and a MA in Educational Leadership from Saint Leo University.

Academic Excellence –

- Four straight years of qualifying for a National Blue Ribbon award. No easy feat.
- Our School Improvement Plan will again revolve around differentiated instruction and Character education.

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.

Operational Vitality –

- We've given upwards of 12 tours over the summer and conducted several Gessel Screenings.
- Enrollment Figures as of 7/28 are as follows: 673 students in JK-8 with 4 applications pending = 677, and 15 students enrolled in Preschool for a total of 692.

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

School Board Terms –

Third Year

Alissa Domine
Susan Francke
Stephanie Murphy

Committee Work

advancED committee: Mission and Catholic Identity
Required Action Committee: Student Leadership
advancED committee: Academic Excellence

Second Year

Brian Fox (Vice Chair)
Megan Kelly (Chair)

C.A.M. Representative
Required Action Committee: Student Assessment; advancED committee: Governance and Leadership; Pastoral Council Rep.

Brad Savko

Finance Council Representative

First Year

Cheri Elmore
Todd Hill
Julie Long

Recording Secretary
Technology Committee Representative
advancED committee: Operational Vitality

Lee Zderski

Marketing and Public Relations Committee

PTO – one year term (non-voting member)

Jada Wilson

Faculty Representatives – one year term (non-voting member)

Leah Mullen

Cara Schaaf

Next School Board Meeting is scheduled: 9/1/2015 at 6:00pm

Meeting dates for 2015-2016 are as follows: 7/28/2015, 9/1/2015, 11/3/2015, 1/5/2016, 3/1/2016, 5/24/2016