

**St. Patrick School Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2015**

In Attendance: Fr. Jeffery Shooner (Pastor), Dr. Michael Bratcher (Principal), Renee Puffer (Chairperson), Sean Cox (Vice Chairperson), Brad Savko, Kristie Thieman, Megan Kelley, Brian Fox, Alissa Domine, Cheri Elmore (Recording Secretary), Nicole Burke (2014-15 PTO representative), Brittany Byrd (Faculty Representative), Charlene Bechely (Faculty Representative).

Absent: Fr. Chris Rhodes (Associate Pastor), Chantal Prewitt, Stephanie Murphy, Susan Francke

Pastor's Report: Father Jeff is approaching his first year and he would like to thank everyone. It has been a wonderful opportunity and he has enjoyed it. Fr. Chris will stay on another year and we are looking forward to this opportunity for him. Fr. Jeff had three focus areas for this year – Evangelization, Stewardship and Youth Ministry. We will hear more about the Youth Ministry in the upcoming months. He is excited about the direction of the Stewardship Committee and he thanked Kristie for her work. We will likely continue to focus on these three key areas.

Principal's Report:

The 2014-15 school year is coming to a close. We will hold our annual graduation ceremony for 8th grade students tomorrow, May 21. Numerous events were celebrated to mark the Class of 2015's time as students at St. Patrick Catholic School. St. Patrick enjoyed remarkable support and attention throughout the year.

Planning for the 2015-16 school year has been underway since January. St. Patrick hopes to welcome its third-largest student body ever and is excited about the addition of the PreSchool.

Various summer projects will combine to increase our security, improve our services and enhance our school life.

- We will move the teacher work area from the back of the school office to across the hall in what is now the upper level lounge area.
- 10 of our classroom will get new state-of-the-art whole group listening systems with special classroom security features.

Catholic Identity –

We continue to work to maintain our Catholic Character and Identity as a vibrant Catholic school community, continuing to heighten our awareness as we move along this school year.

- The Respect Life series has concluded for the year with great feedback from students, teachers and parents.
- Fr. Jeff has finished his rotation of visiting every classroom at least once to teach a religion lesson.

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

Purpose and Direction –

- We have final drafts of our mission and vision statements that need to be reviewed tonight. The final drafts will be sent out after tonight's meeting.

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

Governance and Leadership –

- Mrs. Brockie accepted Karen O'Connell's invitation to be on the committee that will be rewriting the Archdiocesan Science Standards this summer. Mrs. Brockie has been on the Science Task Force this school year, and they have been researching how to proceed with the Archdiocesan Science Curriculum so it correlates better with the Next Generation Science Standards.
- Mr. Nathan Sturtzel will assume the role as Director of Student Achievement

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

Teaching and Assessing for Learning –

- Classroom field trips to: Chicago (8th grade in March); Washington, DC (5th grade in March); Space Camp (6th grade in April)
- Terra Nova Testing took place in mid-March (scores available for review)

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

Resources and Support Systems –

- St. Patrick Day celebration was very nice thanks to the PTO and teachers serving on the committee.
- Speak Up Be Safe Program- K- 8 (from the Archdiocese of Louisville)

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

Using Results for Continuous Improvement –

- Anne Perryman, Carey Storer, and Jacqueline Pitino attended the NCTM National conference in Boston along with over 8,000 other educators. We learned about some exciting new things to share with our colleagues and implement in our classrooms.

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.

Board reviewed the Mission and Vision statements.

Mission Statement – St. Patrick Catholic School, partnering with the family, provides students with exceptional spiritual and academic programs deeply rooted in our Catholic faith tradition.

Vision Statement – Pursuing Perfection

Next School Board Meeting is scheduled: July 29th 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~~ 3/12/15, ~~4/14/15~~ 5/20/15, 6/2/15 (cancelled). First meeting for 2015-2016 is 7/28/15.