

**St. Patrick School Board Meeting Minutes  
September 1, 2015**

**In Attendance:** Fr. Jeffery Shooner (Pastor), Fr. Chris, Dr. Michael Bratcher (Principal), Megan Kelley (Chairperson), Brian Fox (Vice Chairperson), Cheri Elmore (Secretary), Brad Savko, Alissa Domine, Lee Zderski, Todd Hill, Julie Long, Jada Wilson (2015-2016 PTO Representative), Cara Schaaf (Faculty Representative 1-5), Leah Mullen (Faculty Representative 6-8).

**Absent:** Stephanie Murphy, Susan Francke

**Pastor's Report:** Father Jeff did not provide a formal report. He did discuss a new program for men beginning this fall at St. Patrick parish. The program is called That Man Is You! (TMIY). We are extremely excited about this opportunity and have received significant interest from many men in the parish. The program tackles real issues facing real men and it looks at the leadership role that has been entrusted to men as well as addresses the temptations and struggles men face in a culture that attacks authentic manhood. The men will be meeting in Schindler Hall on Fridays beginning September 18th from 6am-7:30am. Additionally, there will be many dads/fathers leaving the school during our drop off time on Friday mornings. Please keep an eye out for these men as they exit the far end of the building around 7:30-7:40.

**Principal's Report:**

The new school year is off to a fast and full start. Assemblies, parent meetings and faculty gatherings get things moving each August. We are in full stride. We have welcomed the largest student body since the 05-06 school year. Even with 683 students, the parish-school is operating smoothly and successfully.

Highlights of the year so far include a strong start on August 18, Opening Mass, and Mock Schedule Nights.

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 will continue to work to maintain our Catholic Character as a vibrant school community, continuing to heighten our awareness as we move along. Our connectedness to the Archdiocese of Louisville remains a priority, of course. Our Catholic Character is in our minds in hiring personnel (teachers, support staff, and substitutes) throughout the year. Presently, 49 of 54 teaching faculty are Catholic; all of the new teachers/staff joining us this year are Catholic.

- We held a faculty/staff retreat day in August.

- Our school wide Opening Mass on Aug. 19, with more than 750 persons in attendance, set a tone, focus and theme for the year. An unusually, and welcomed, large number of parents and board members were in attendance. Fr. Jeff did a fantastic job explaining our vision: Pursuing Perfection! Several of the staff will be participating in an after school Bible Study beginning on Monday, Sept.14. The study is a series entitled "Untold Blessings - Three Paths to Holiness" by Fr. Robert Barron. Participants will discover how they are each individually called in their everyday activities and lives to paths of holiness.

### **Governance and Leadership –**

- Several new teachers have begun the year on a successful note, thanks in large part to some veteran teachers working with them as part of the St. Patrick new teacher mentoring program. The new teachers and mentors meet regularly and complete discuss topics about upcoming events or school policies.
- As of July 20, Mr. Sturtzel officially transitioned into his role as our Director of Student Achievement.

### **Academic Excellence –**

Classroom space has improved this school year. Thanks to the PTO, nine classrooms received new whole group listening systems; each classroom now has wireless access thanks to some eRate funding by the federal government; and each classroom was emptied, cleaned, and several were painted.

Mr. Sturtzel, Mrs. Kayrouz and Mrs. Shanks will start working more closely with “PLCs” to identify students in need of special assistance. Counselors and teachers see this as a way to increase communication concerning shared students.

***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 –**

- A special thanks to Steve Hardin for his work on the St. Patrick “App”. If you haven’t done so, download it from the app store “St. Patrick Louisville”
- All of our teachers are on twitter. We encourage everyone to “follow” their child’s teacher on twitter
- The grade level and teacher blogs are where teachers post weekly newsletters.

**Next School Board Meeting is scheduled:** 11/3/2015 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