

School Commission Minutes-Sep 11, 2024 @ 7:00 PM Shepherd of the Hills-In Person

Present: Sarah Benike-Immel, Barb Welsh, Barb Grzywinski, Mrs. Petersen, Jenn Wilke, Miss Colwin, Miss Carter, Mrs. Hughes, Leah Bode, Tim Harding, Katie Abhold, Deanna Miller, Libby Bonen, Ramsey Immel, Cori Knuth

Absent: Sarah Haubenschild, Father Mark

Opening Prayer

Mission Statement

Walking the path of the Christ with love and service through a Catholic education

2024-25 Theme: In the Deed, Find Glory – 1 Corinthians 10:31
“Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God.” Amen

School Reports- Mrs. Petersen (Miss Colwin, Miss Carter, Mrs. Hughes)

a. School Good News:

- a. Applied for a 2024 July Fond du Lac Area Foundation grant, and Shepherd of the Hills School will receive a check in the mail for \$2,200 for our newly implemented safety plan.
- b. Our Catholic Identity theme this year is “In the Deed, Find Glory,” which will be spread throughout our school's faith-based efforts, activities, and formation during the school year. We will focus on servant leadership, using 1 Corinthians 10:31: "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God," as our guide.
 - a. All of the kids and teachers received a T-shirt with this Bible verse to wear on our theme days.
- c. Some of the new educational initiatives this year include: a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) curriculum called Elevate Science for 6th-8th grade students, offering more hands-on learning experiments. Grades 5K-1st is incorporating UFLI Phonics, which is an explicit and systematic program that teaches students the foundational skills necessary for proficient reading. All 5K-8 students are attending ART class 2 days a week with Mrs. Zimmerman, and Mrs. Schreiner is teaching Religion to Grades 3rd-8th. Also, all 6th-8th grade students have a built-in intervention time throughout the school day to receive extra support in ELA and Math if needed and engage in additional STEM learning activities.
- d. Band with Mr. Bautz and Mrs. Hansen has been a huge hit. All 4th graders are learning chimes with Mr. Bautz.

- e. New games requested by the kids are slowly being purchased and added to soft starts.
- f. Mrs. Schreiner making rosaries on Fridays with the kids.

b. Principals Report:

- a. 69 students enrolled as compared to 76 last year (Seven 8th grade graduates in 2023-2024 school year)

Review and Approve May Meeting Minutes: Approved

Parent/Parishioner Comments:

- a. Students are enjoying the soft start
- b. Some concern around only offering 5-day 3K instead of 3-day 3K
- c. Music and movement went really well over summer. Each class had 8-10 students.

Pastoral Council:

- a. NO UPDATE
- b. Need a new liason

Committee Reports

a. Executive and Policy: Sarah Benike-Immel

- a. Tim Harding voted in as Chairperson
- b. Ramsey and Matt Immel voted in as Vice Chairperson(s)
- c. Deanna Miller, Katie Abhold, Cori Knuth, Jenn Wilke, Barb Grzywinski voted in as voting members

b. Budget and Fundraising- Barb Welsh

- a. Dinner auction meeting on September 12 to kickoff the process for this year. Event is February 22nd. Will have online bidding again this year.
- b. Seroogy's candy bar signup is in the newsletter.

c. Long Range Planning- (Mrs. Petersen)

- a. 2025-2026 school year is the year of study with 2026-2027 school year accreditation
- b. Committee: Mrs. Petersen, Jenn Wilke, Sarah Benike-Immel, Tim Harding, Matt Immel

d. Marketing and Recruitment- Mrs. Petersen:

- a. Mrs. Petersen needs help establishing a committee
- b. Primarily focused on personal contact via phone, email, tours, etc.
- c. Barb Grzywinski, Steven Knuth volunteered to help, inquire with Sarah Haubenschild
- d. Mrs. Petersen to schedule a meeting

e. Home and School- Barb Grzywinski:

- a. Will look to get a meeting on the calendar starting next week.
- b. First event is Grandparents day.
- c. Eden parade went really well.

Review Action Item Register

Next Meeting: October 8, 2024 (Virtual)

Tentative Future Meeting Dates:

November 12, 2024 (In Person)

December 10, 2024 (Virtual)

January 14, 2025 (In Person)

February 11, 2025 (Virtual)

March 11, 2025 (In Person)

April 8, 2025 (Virtual)

May 13, 2025 (In Person)