

St. Helen Catholic School Board Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2017

Open Meeting: by Heather James– 8:52am – Opening Prayer Read

- 1. Attendance:** Heather James, Oscar Rivas, Dr. Phyliss Coleman, Kay Ann Kernek, Janet Kilroy, Ann Strouhal, Marie McCorkle, Ashae Kubicek. Visitor: Bernadette Gomez-Rivas
- 2. Approval of November Minutes: 1st Janet Kilroy 2nd Oscar Rivas – All “I”**
- 3. Reviewed Accounting Reports for November / December**
 - a) No discussions.
- 4. Pastors Report – Reported by Dr. Coleman**
 - a) Fr. on retreat next week.
 - b) Construction on track.
- 5. Principal’s Report**
 - a) Steps video completed.
 - b) We are in the middle of registration – goal 400.
 - c) Current part-time teacher will be moved to part-time office aid next year.
 - d) New calendar out for 2017/18
 - i) Reviewed with staff and final decisions made – reviewed calendar with board
 - ii) 1st day will be full day – parent orientation at 7:30, used uniform sale, meet teachers, school supplies, etc.
 - iii) Parents & students will attend orientation, then students will be dismissed to classrooms
 - iv) Parents leave by 10:00am.
 - e) Construction noise deafening for 2nd grade – distracting. “Skinning” of building will be done during Spring Break.
- 6. Presidents Report**
 - a) Steps video done. Steps for Students fundraisers successful, but registration is down.
 - b) Reminder of “One Word” and prayer buddy
- 7. Committee updates**

Excellence:

 - a) **Academics** – Dr. Coleman
 - i) Purchased 2 iPad’s and credit card readers.
 - ii) IOWA test dates have changed for AGH but not for SHCS.
 - iii) St. Thomas Essay Contest – mass yesterday. 8 students attended.
 - iv) Regional Science Fair successful.
 - v) One parent is sponsoring the John Dolan Scholarship - \$500 yr.

b) Athletics – Oscar Rivas

- i) Basketball playoff next week.
- ii) Basketball tournament – Our Lady of Fatima: Boys C-team placed 1st & 2nd. Boys varsity placed 1st. Girls placed 2nd.
- iii) Volleyball/Physical conditioning starting next week.
- iv) Possible soccer camp in Spring

c) Student Life – Marcus Jones (not present)

d) Facilities – Dr. Coleman

e) Evangelization

- i) Catholic Identity – Reported by Dr. Coleman
 - (1) Ashley Jarrell working hard on Catholic Schools Week
 - (2) Anna Hunyh (8th grade) will be doing speech at Mass
- ii) Community Involvement
 - (1) Heather attending 1st Friday lunches at Chamber of Commerce

f) Enrollment/Advancement

- i) **Marketing- Raquel Wood**
 - (1) Raquel attended development meeting at Catholic Schools Office
 - (2) Lenten Giving Week – Feb 22 to Mar 3
 - (a) On Ash Wednesday, will have table in Narthex after mass for donations
 - (b) NJHS hosting can drive after mass
 - (3) Reached out to staff requesting 100% participation in Fund – full participation results earn one week of casual dress.
- ii) **Enrollment**
 - (1) 381 current
- iii) **HSA – Reported by Rayanne Darensbourg and read by Heather James**
 - (1) Cookie Dough fundraiser is underway
 - (2) Used Uniform Sale raised \$1,195

8. New Business :

- i) Update on Catholic Daughters – Per Ann, trying to get girls interested and committed
- ii) Pray for Cecilia Davidson

Meeting Adjourned: - 9:55 am

2016/2017 Remaining Board Meeting Dates & Location all Rm 203(Ms. Silvas Room):

February 16th, 2017

March 9th, 2017

April 6th, 2017

May 25th, 2017 – Oblate Center