

Meeting Minutes  
February 8th, 2022  
“Teams” Meeting

**Present:** Linda Monahan; Andy Hanneman; Amanda Scherlie; Rachel Hendershot; Fr. Houlihan;

**Absent:** Deb Walton; Jennifer Moss; Melicca Carpenter; Jacob Schuette

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM by President Andy Hanneman; Rachel led the opening prayer. Rachel moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting; Andy seconded the motion; none were opposed to approval.

- Discuss results of enrollment phone calls
  - Parent suggested more “study hall time” instead of daily mass
    - Study halls are offered at the end of the day and it is up to the student to utilize wisely
    - Lincoln Diocese requires daily mass – this is not a school choice
  - Discussed families “on the fence” – how can we persuade or keep them interested?
  - In the next month can we get a list of registered students for 2022-23 school year
  - As of Feb. 8 – no one has applied for the Scholarships
    - Linda has not reached out to last years recipients yet to remind them to apply – she will send an email to those that qualified last year.
    - Conferences next week – can we include this as a part of conferences
      - Linda to print forms and give to teachers to disperse and add “BOLD” text on weekly emails
    - This scholarship is for parishioners and NON parishioners
- Discuss teacher retention/exits
  - Monsignor Perkington came and met with teachers individually
  - Father Houlihan also met with teachers

- Positions that will be open for next year – 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, possibly 4<sup>th</sup> grade?
  - Linda has been interviewing for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade position to finish this school year
- Is there a possibility to combine 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grades next year
  - Linda is unsure due to larger class sizes for next years 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>
- NDE has made changes for teaching requirements as of now – can utilize teachers wherever needed
  - Offering courses to people with 60+ hours of college credits so they can sub
  - A bachelor's degree and a few NDE courses can get a provisionary teaching certificate due to shortage
- Linda has interviewed a gentleman for Language Arts – his main area of study.
  - had to get approval from NDE based on his degree but NDE did approve
- Another concern is hiring teachers who can teach Religion
  - Can we utilize any resource teachers or catholic paras to help fill in and teach religion classes if non-catholic teachers are hired?
    - Can we help these paras or resource teachers finish whatever requirements are needed to help fill in as religion teachers in a pinch?
  - Does NDE require a teaching certificate to teach religion – being that religion is not a core subject with the State?
    - State does not regulate the teaching of religion class but the diocese requires the person who teaches religion to be a practicing catholic.
  - Msgr Perkington stated in a teacher meeting that some teachers have been given a special dispensation for teaching religion – teachers that are Christian – not necessarily catholic – they have allowed them in other schools in the diocese to teach the religion classes.
  - Andy asked if we can add “Christian” to the job postings rather than just “preferred practicing catholic”? would it broaden our reach?

- Pillar updates
  - Rachel – Student Enrichment
    - Nathan Powers is interested in doing an outdoor skills workshop for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade sometime in April – 3 classes from 3:15 pm-5:00 pm
      - Nathan sent flyer to Linda for approval. Nathan is wanting the workshop to be “off site” – Linda is working with him on this with him.
    - Athletic Celebration – April 4<sup>th</sup>
      - Katie Bronson & Jaisa Poppleton are working on this
    - Next meeting for Pillar is March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Linda led Closing Prayer

Meeting was adjourned

*Next meeting will be March 8th at 6:30pm – in StJB School Library*