

Meeting Summary
ST. HILARY SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

April 7, 2015 7:00 p.m. RECTORY

As approved on May 12, 2015

Members Present:

Kathie Donovan, Principal; Fr. Aloy Funtila, Pastor; Theresa Jovanovic, President; Ann McNabb, Secretary; Mary Kay Donnelly, Faculty Representative; Maria Hench, FSA Representative

Approval of Minutes

- The February 3, 2015 Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved.
- The Meeting Summary will be posted on the school's website.

Pastor's Report

- The formal installation of Fr. Funtila as our Pastor will occur on April 19th at a special 11:00 am mass. The School Board will be represented by the Principal, Mrs. Donovan, and the Board Chair, Theresa Jovanovic. A reception will follow in the gym.
- The International Fest is scheduled for June 6th. The annual grand raffle drawing will be held on the same day. Raffle tickets will be available after all masses.
- The electrical wiring and lighting upgrades to the church are nearing completion.
- Fr. Funtila and Mrs. Donovan attended a meeting with the Vicariate office to review the upcoming year budget.
- The church will begin presenting "future St. Hilary Cardinal" baptismal bibs to newly baptized infants.

Principal's Report

- To date, registration for next school year is at 197. The budget reviewed with the Vicariate office totals 210. Last year at this time 143 students were registered.
- The school continues to reach out to nearby schools that are closing or do not have a school, including St. Peters, St. Hyacinth, Our Lady of Mercy, and St. Timothy's.
- The school was awarded a grant to fund iPads and a MacBook and the equipment was received. The faculty will use the upcoming planning day to receive additional training.
- Another grant for Google chrome books was not received. The school will re-apply.
- Other potential grants that are being sought include Dr. Scholl and Kaboom. The Kaboom grant is for playground equipment and requires a local match.
- The Archdiocese continues to seek AdvanceEd accreditation, and each Archdiocesan school will be visited within the next 5 years. St. Hilary is not in the first year group. Mrs. Donovan

is serving on an external review team in the first round, and will be reviewing one of the local high schools.

- The students' Terra Nova test scores will be mailed home to families.
- Standardized testing for the upcoming school year is being finalized by the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools. It is not yet determined what standardized tests will be issued.
- The students raised \$6,000 for Leukemia /Lymphoma charities and \$650 for Catholic Charities.
- The students' artwork contributed to the Men's club auction at its annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner.
- The 2nd graders preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time will attend a retreat. The Altar Servers have also recently participated in a retreat.
- St. Hilary's former Seminarian intern, Michael Trail, will be ordained a transitional Deacon on May 9th at Mundelein Seminary. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on May 10th at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Hilary, with a reception following in the gym.
- On May 18th, our many volunteers will be recognized at an evening celebration at Via Veneto. The Alumni Association is also planning to announce Virginia McCaskey as a Distinguished Graduate at the same celebration.
- The Women's Club will host its annual dinner auction on April 14th.
- Upcoming school events include the annual Battle of the Books, Pee Wee pep rally, Earth Day celebrations, and a Walk to Wrigley recycling event.

Organization reports

- The *Family School Association* has begun its process to elect officers for the next school year. Other events reported on include the spring Book Fair, an upcoming fundraiser at Graziano's, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Funds raised from the FSA events will support classroom projectors.

Old Business

- The Board postponed the review the Archdiocesan Advisory Board handbook.