

Meeting Summary
ST. HILARY SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

May 3, 2016 7:00 p.m. RECTORY
As Approved on September 6, 2016

Members Present:

Fr. Aloysius Funtilla, Pastor; Kathie Donovan, Principal; Theresa Jovanovic, President; Ann McNabb, Secretary; Mary Kay Donnelly, Faculty Representative; Maria Hench, FSA Representative; Fr. Tom Libera, Resident

Approval of Minutes

- The April 5, 2016 Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved.
- The Meeting Summary will be posted on the school's website.

Pastor's Report

- Fr. Aloy reported on Archdiocesan initiative "Renew My Church", and upcoming meetings regarding the initiative.
- Exploring electronic signage for the school and church. The Women's club made a recent financial gift to put toward the sign.
- Upcoming events include First Holy Communion for second graders and participating religious education students on Saturday, and the parish community fest.

Principal's Report

- The April Illinois School Board of Education (ISBE) visit went extremely well. After reviewing all documents one statement was added to book.
- The school will administer the ASPIRE test next week. The Archdiocese will not have results, however, to the end of summer as they will not have comparison norms until the end of May. The school will use norms from prior years to plan subsequent years.
- Prior events reported on include the "Battle of the Books" annual competition at St. Thecla; Student Council's Pee Wee pep rally for Kindergarten – 3rd grade students; the 1st and 3rd graders field trip to the Peggy Notebaert Museum; the 4th and 6th graders worked on mulching landscape at Green Briar park as these grades have done for the past three years; the annual athletic banquet for 4th through 8th graders.
- The school continues to receive support from the Big Shoulders and together with Mrs. Donovan is planning summer projects.

- Five current 4th graders will be nominated for the Gallagher Scholarship. These scholarships provide tuition assistance for remaining grammar school years and then will continue with the students through high school.
- Of the top 100 students chosen as finalists for the “Do the Write Thing” essay contest, six were St. Hilary students. Two of the 100 finalist will be chosen to represent Chicagoland in Washington, DC.
- Artwork from one of our 1st graders was chosen to be aired on “Weather Sketchers” on local television.
- Many 8th grade celebrations are coming up.
- Current registrations for the upcoming school year were reported. 179 students have registered to date with at least 12 more expected.
- The parent ambassadors have been working with Mrs. Donovan to visit nearby parishes without a parish school.

Organization reports

- The *Family School Association* recent events were successful, including the Pampered Chef demo and Father/Son bowling outing. Upcoming events include a Mother/Daughter tea. Elections for 2016/17 officers is next week.
- The *Alumni Association* recently sponsored a fundraiser at the Local Pizzeria (Foster and Kimball) and is planning an back to school mass and BBQ for high school and college age alumni in August.

Old Business

- The Parish Council representative to school board meetings continues to be sought. The Board also discussed working with Big Shoulders to recommend School Advisory Board members.
- The School Advisory Board will delay elections until the beginning of the 2016/17 school year.
- School marketing initiatives, including the street pole banners, will continue next school year.