

Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Spirit Catholic School is to provide a welcoming environment where students live the Gospel message, exhibit high achievement, and provide service to the community.

Holy Spirit Catholic School Minutes of the School Board Meeting of Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Present: Karianne Earnest (Principal), Sandra Flores-Montez, Gretchen Kinghorn, Brian Hinz

Via Zoom: Deacon Scott Pearhill, Barb Siciliano, Marcia Ney

Excused: David O'Neill (Chair), Misty Foltz

Opening Prayer: Deacon Scott led us in prayer.

Minutes: January Minutes were accepted as written.

Pastoral Report: Deacon Scott reported.

Afghan Resettlement Update

Synod Participation Update

PTC Report: Brian Hinz reported. PTC met last Wednesday. They want to support Afghan resettlement efforts. \$300 from PTC and \$200 from School budget. School Auction, PTC will contribute \$200 toward an item that will be auctioned (possibly a kayak). PTC is planning graduation event. Planning fun food for teachers. Lots of PTC parents are helping with the auction. Barb Siciliano has a brand new inflatable kayak that she will donate to the auction.

Principal Report: David O'Neill wants to step back from leading the school board for the next couple of months, taking a leave of absence (if Fr. Henry agrees) while he undergoes another surgery at the end of February. He hopes to return when he recovers. For this month Karianne will lead the meeting. 138 Enrollment, up two more. 47% of our school population is non-caucasian. 30% receive some form of tuition assistance. All students participate in service projects each month.

Old Business: Bingham Memorial donated \$1500 to the Turkey Trot so Karianne went to BMH and presented them a plaque of appreciation. They said they want the Turkey Trot to be bigger and want to send us some of their team to help us with the event next year (marketing and planning people from Bingham). Bingham will donate an item to our school auction.

Mask Policy: Omicron new infection rate is now declining. Karianne has been asked by parents if the mask policy can be changed now. No decision made. More discovery is needed. Teachers need to be asked.

New Business: Tuition increase at HSCS - the process and amount has not been decided

yet. A discussion took place about how to implement a tuition increase that would be tolerable.

Alumni fundraising/endowment was discussed. Idaho Falls Holy Rosary school has a \$2 mil alumni endowment now. One of the primary ways Holy Rosary grew their endowment was through estate planning, and estate gifts. The people of Holy Rosary's endowment committee will meet with Holy Spirit School to help us do the same (after the auction).

The graduating class (8th grade) school trip. It used to be to San Francisco. The school is looking for somewhere less distant, but still has educational value and would be wanted by students and parents.

There is a new childcare provider, fully licensed and is starting soon (Judy Hall). Elia Reyez needed to end her employment, her husband got a job elsewhere.

This month's school virtue is love.

Next meeting: March 9th, 2022. 7pm School Teacher Lounge