

St. Ann School Council Minutes: April 10, 2018

I. In attendance: Father Craig, Sean Molen, Mike Riley, Paul Bertrand, Heather Sullivan, Gina Robinson, Laura Vanice, Paul Bertrand, Joe Nolke, Katie McCune

II. Absent: NA

III. Opening Prayer: Mike Riley

IV. Pastor's Report: NA

First communion went well, but in the future may think of moving it to the 3rd Sunday in April so that it does not fall on the same day as the celebration of Divine Mercy.

Our new Director of Music, Margaret Hochla, is beginning to involve our children's choir in singing at Masses on a regular basis.

We are in the beginning stages of developing a cohesive "brand" for entire parish, including the school so that both are represented by the same logo, letterhead, etc.

The "Christ renews his Parish program" will begin at St. Ann in the fall. This program can be a great tool for energizing parish communities.

Andrew Lynch will become more involved in the school next year, especially the middle school. He is going to teach an elective within middle school next year.

Father Craig recently participated in a very positive meeting with some of our parents about religious education in the school and parish in future years.

V. Principal's Report (Mike Riley):

Kindergarten kick-off on took place in the gathering space in early April and the attendance was excellent.

The Battle of the Books program is growing and we recently had double (8) the number of teams participate in our April competition as we had last year. Almost all of the 4th graders are involved in this program. Mike is encouraged that the participation is increasing and kids are doing well in the competitions.

The Scholastic Book Fare begins tomorrow through Sunday after Mass.

There is a lot of enthusiasm with Tiger Trot this year. Both underwriting and ticket sales are strong.

State Testing and MAP testing are coming up soon

We have a new guidance counselor for next year and the position is changing a bit. The position will be about 25 hours per week, the counselor will be located within the main school building and will be involved in the classrooms and the cafeteria. This person is a Queen of the Holy Rosary parishioner and will be at St. Ann on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Mike and a couple of teachers are going to visit with Rockhurst and take a look at their STEAM spaces. They are one of the very few STEM certified schools in the Midwest.

Things are going well with applicants for our few open positions including the 7th/8th grade ELA teacher and Enrichment Coordinator (this is through the EMBRACE grant).

Discussed marketing efforts for school enrollment

VI. School Council potential candidates for next year

Discussed options for two new school council members beginning next year. Mike and Father Craig will review options and finalize these arrangements. Paul Bertrand and Heather Sullivan are rolling off of the council next year.

Next school council meeting on May 7th

VI. Closing Prayer: Father Craig

