

**St Athanasius Board  
Of Education Minutes  
Date May 2 2023  
Classroom**

**Motion to Start:** Amy Peyton

**Opening Prayer:** Amy Peyton

**Members present:** Amy Peyton, Jennifer Sornson, Drew McRae, Joe Steffen, Byron Manternach, Brian Nolta, Jill Chemin, Ryan Weber (call in)

**Guests:** Naomi Kraus and Erin Schmitz

- Erin shared experiences and expressed gratitude for past accommodations and advocated to the board to add a para-professional support staff member. She noted the grant cycle for FIRE foundation runs Jan-Apr and offered to help application process for a mid-year request. In the event the board elects not to add the position, Erin advocated onsite support at St A to replace busing.
- Naomi expressed praise and thanks for her time at St A's.

**Approval of Minutes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Drew M and 2<sup>nd</sup> Byron M

**Leader Gram:**

**'Additions/Deletions to Board Agenda:** Byron M—add lead teacher discussion, open teacher update, teacher contract, Special Ed discussion

**Administrator's report:**

- Concert on 5/4 is all ready to go along with art show
- Field trips, bike ride, graduations are set to go
- Preschool audit conducted last week. Cathy did great job on portfolios and Deb Bader had an in-class auditor. The report is due back in a few weeks
- Contracts issued have all been signed
- 1 open position is 0.6 music teacher, posted on Teachlowa
- 2 custodian applicants so far

**Pastor's report:**

- Easter went well with church and school
- First communion had 16 St A and 2 St Francis communicants, thanks to the teachers
- Arch has suddenly resigned due to health, please pray and send cards
- 2 priests to be ordained, Fr. Jeff Friedan to come 6/11 to mass
- 7/15-7/16 is Fr. Ben 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the priesthood
- Thanks to music teacher and principal for children's choir

**Action Items:**

- Calendar is back from public school to approve

- Motion 12/22 to be a no school day AND 4/15 designated on the calendar as PD/snow make up day—1<sup>st</sup> Jill C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Emily V
- Budget review-Income questions for Sue to follow up via Jennifer prior to board agreeing to approve
- Handbook reviewed for approval—1<sup>st</sup> Byron M, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jill C

**Old Business:**

- ESA conference attended by Jennifer. Odyssey payment platform demo'd.
  - Must open by 5/30 with 6/30 deadline
  - Parent enters SSN and child information
  - Site links to Iowa Treasury for payment
  - Once approved, go to Marketplace and request enrollment
  - St A invoices for ½ in Jul and ½ in Jun
  - Board discussed marketing to both Catholic and non-Catholic families

**New business:**

- Reviewed Erin Schmitz presentation on Spec Ed. Jennifer shared that Title 1 services are on site now and she is actively working with Jesup Public on bringing Special Ed teacher on site
- Farmers Day—bring back brat patties and Ryan designated to be liason with Lori on joint venture with parish to run the food booth again
- Lead teacher discussion regarding previously spelled out expectations to be approved. Motion to require a quarterly report to Jennifer—1<sup>st</sup> Byron M, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe S
- Open positions include
  - 0.6 Music
  - 1.0 Custodian
  - 0.2 After school care
- Teacher contracts, previously resolved

**Committee Reports:** Bypassed due to length of meeting

**PTO:** None

**Finance:** None

**Building:** None

**Don Bosco:** None

**Jesup:** None

**Motion to Adjourn:** 1<sup>st</sup> Drew M 2<sup>nd</sup> Byron M