



St. Joseph Catholic School School Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Oct. 10, 2017

6:30-8:10 pm

**Teachers'
Lounge**

Members in attendance:

Fr. Brian Emmick	Keith Edwards
Dan Gilbert	Jeff Seibert
Audrey Watt	Kantin Miller
Tyler Brengman	

We began with an opening prayer led by Fr. Brian.

The meeting was led by Keith Edwards.

■ Principals Report

- Our school grade improved to an A rating again.
- Parent Teacher conferences on Thursday 12.
- Enrollment was at 141 and is currently up to 148
- PTO candle fundraiser was a success.
- Dan applied for a grant for assessment tools, such as the STAR testing.
 - The Diocese would like for all the schools to use the same assessment testing.

■ Old business

- Enrollment sub-committee met in September setting a goal of one thing per month to help increase enrollment.
 - October – Student yard signs
 - November – working on the parade float for the Christmas parade, handing out goldfish crackers with card promoting our Feb. Open House and highlighting what our school offers.
 - December – Fr. Brian would like to have a website for our Early Childhood developed by December.
- Fr. Brian has been working to develop a Pathways scholarship to act as a pathway for Kindergarten students to start at our school, then move into the Voucher program in 1st grade.

- Strategic Plan needs to be finalized, by Fr. Brian and submitted to the diocese by next December. We have a great start on it and have set a goal to finalize our Strategic Plan by the end of this school year.
 - Each month we will work on a section of the plan to meet our goal.
 - Advertising and Marketing – discussed ways and places to market our school.
- New Business
- The council adopted a new school motto for St. Joseph:
Unrivaled Education; Catholic Tradition; Loving Family.
 - Tuition Policy
 - Finance committee has developed a new tuition and cafeteria money policy.
 - Members of the School Council need to review, submit any questions or comments, and approve by the end of the week.
 - The School Council Workshop was held on September 19 in Evansville.
 - Break-out sessions that were attended by our members covered topics of PTO, Strategic Planning and School Council leadership
 - A suggestion from a couple of the workshop break-out sessions was to include a non-Catholic member to the School Council and Strategic Plan committee. We voted to amend the School Council By-law to add a non-Catholic member to St. Joseph School Council. This member will serve a one-year term and will not be a voting member.
 - Audrey will attend the next Parish Council meeting.

A closing prayer was led by Dan.

Next meeting will be held November 01, 2017.