

St. James School Council Meeting Minutes

2/13/2023

Those present:

- Mr. Eric Chamberlain
- Michelle Wilson
- Michelle Rainey
- Christy Karcher
- Eric Kassenbrock
- Ryan Dewig
- Evan Hipp
- Fr. Andrew Thomas

Meeting opened with prayer. Mission Statement read by those present.

January minutes approved.

Goal 1 reviewed and approved.

Principal's Report:

3rd-5th Field Trip – Students enjoyed “Education Day” at the Ford Center for a UE girls basketball game and activities. They then went to the Planetarium to learn about the upcoming eclipse. This is the first year students attended Education Day, but something we want to repeat annually as it received high praise by our students and teachers.

Catholic Schools Week – Students and staff had a blast during Catholic Schools Week including theme dress days, Madden Hall full of “dominos”, and ending with a sock hop for decade day. We raised 4,182 items for St. Vincent de Paul, far exceeding our goal of 2,000.

Come and See Night – We welcomed 21 families for Come and See Night for a chance to tour the school, meet the staff, and ask questions about St. James.

Diocesan Spelling Bee – Elena Faraone placed 6th in the elementary bee and Gabriel Faraone placed 3rd in the middle school bee.

All 8th graders have now had the opportunity to register for classes for freshman year.

Thank you to Dr. Hipp – Dr. Hipp joined our Kindergarten and 1st grade classes on Friday, February 9th for a presentation on the importance of dental hygiene.

Choice Scholarship Income Guidelines have been released.

Thank you to Fr. Betz for donating lunch to the whole school for Fat Tuesday.

Upcoming Events:

February 13th – No Mass

February 14th – Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day

February 18th – Speech and Academic Team Breakfast

February 19th – No School – PVL

March 1st – End Quarter 3

March 1st and 15th – Fish Fry

March 6th – 6th grade Shadow Day

March 7th – 2 hr delay – Professional Development for Staff (Faith Formation)

New Business:

Goal #2 of School Improvement Plan discussed by council, with input and a handout given by Fr. Andrew with more information. Mr. Chamberlain will compile what we discussed and send to council for review and revisions.

Sub-Committees:

Marketing – Come and See night went well, 21 families attended, mostly entering K and 6th grade.

Legislative – no report

Youth Group – Breakfast in January went well. 28 ice skaters attended February gathering at Swonder. Planning a bonfire for March gathering.

PTO – Mom's night out planned for Thursday February 15th, 6-8pm.

Athletics – Track communication will be sent out next week with practices planning to start 2nd week of March. Archery will be coached next year by a group effort from Troy and Laura Schneider, Josh and Chelsie Kern, and Justin Reising.

Technology – no report

We will work on updating Goal 3 of the School Improvement Plan at our next meeting and get updates on School Choice Program from Mr. Chamberlain.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Next Meeting will be Monday, March 11th at 5:30 in the Resource Room