

St James School Council Meeting Minutes

5/16/2023

Those present:

- Mr. Eric Chamberlain
- Evan Hipp
- Michelle Rainey
- Christy Karcher
- Eric Kassenbrock
- Rachel Burek
- Michelle Wilson
- Ryan Dewig (joined by phone)
- Jason Kempf

Meeting opened with prayer.

St. James Mission Statement read aloud by those present.

April's minutes reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

No staff visitors

No financial report

Principal's Report:

Academic Team competed in the state-wide competition. Out of the entire state, St. James got 1st in Social Studies and Interdisciplinary, 2nd place in English/Language Arts, 3rd place in Science, and 13th place in Math. Big thanks to the teachers and students who worked so hard.

We are still looking for a middle school teacher for 18 periods of Science and for 16 periods per week as a Resource Teacher. We will also be hiring a kindergarten or preschool aide for Tuesdays and Thursdays.

First Communion retreat at Holy Cross was very well done. Students enjoyed being around other students and were all highly respectful. We received compliments from staff.

Students are excited to have wrapped up iLearn. Most students were finished by May 5th.

St. James dance went well on 4/28. Students were very respectful and behaved.

May 3rd- May Crowning Mass was celebrated. Students did an excellent job with their roles.

May 5th- Many positive remarks and thank yous from all who attended our Prayer Partner Celebration. Special thank you to the PRO for making it special for everyone.

Track season concluded. The season went well.

May 6th we had a beautiful First Communion Mass led by Fr. Andrew.

May 15th- Preschoolers graduated with a ceremony led by Ms. Deb. We had a great turnout.

Upcoming Events:

May 19th- Kindergarten Mass Celebration

May 23rd- Field Day

May 24th- Last Day of School – 8th Grade Half Day?

May 25th- 8th Grade Graduation 7pm

New Business:

Welcome to our new School Council Members – Michelle Wilson and Ryan Dewig

Thank you to Jason Kempf and Rachel Burek for serving the past 3 years.

Tuition update: New tuition rates (with a small increase from last year) are being sent out this week along with reminders to send Mr. Chamberlain 1040 tax form to apply for the school choice voucher.

Next year the school will no longer have the AR or Renaissance reading programs, but iReady and IXL will cover anything those programs did.

Registration changing to one night only, July 24th from 5-8 pm.

K-2nd supply drop off will be August 3rd.

6th grade Orientation will also be August 3rd from 6-7pm.

School masses will be changing to Tuesdays and Fridays for the 2023-2024 school year, and singing practice will move to Mondays.

Sub-Committees:

Marketing: putting pictures and articles in the Message and Star Times

Legislative: School Choice scholarship program approved at the 400% of Federal FRL plan amounts.

Youth Group: No gatherings until August

PTA: No report

Athletics: AD committee met and will be taking over when Greg completes his term soon. 8th graders will be given plaques on Friday, and all spring athletes will be given goodie bags. Frisbee golf supplies were requested and are being provided to the school.

Meeting closed in prayer.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd 5:30pm.