**St. James School Council Meeting Minutes**

**11/07/2023**

Those present:

* Mr. Eric Chamberlain
* Michelle Rainey
* Michelle Wilson
* Ryan Dewig
* Evan Hipp
* Elisha Dewig – staff visitor

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

October minutes approved.

**Old Business:**

**Financial Report** – Elisha was present to explain and review the school’s financials, along with how they relate to the parish and other groups that relate to the school and parish. She explained that the parish offsets any school deficits that happen. She answered questions and encouraged us to reach out to her with any future questions or concerns we have.

Project Lead the Way is a core class taught by Ms. Bealmear. St. James is the only school in Gibson County and the diocese to have this as a core class. Currently, they are trying to get grants to fund a new motor and other needed supplies.

**Principal’s Report**

We had an amazing turnout for Grandparents Day with 300 grandparents in attendance. We celebrated a Mass with Fr. Betz, enjoyed entertainment from our students and enjoyed a delicious breakfast provided by the PTO. We had nothing but positive feedback.

64 students are participating in the Cougar Leadership Program.

In Speech we have won first place at all our meets in Division II. One meet remains on November 14th (City meet).

St. James was randomly audited for the Choice Scholarship and received no flags.

The Fire Department visited our K-2 on important safety guidelines. K-2 enjoyed their Fall Field Trip to Mayse Farm on Halloween.

Serra Club 8th grade winners were Caden Newlin and Cale Ziliak. We enjoyed a luncheon along with Bishop Siegel at the Catholic Center.

Upcoming Events:

11/9 – Mater Dei Open House

11/9 – Veterans Day Assembly – open to all veterans and current military families

11/10 – Midterms Quarter 2

11/11 – Dressing Mix and Pick-up

11/14 – Take a Tour Tuesday

11/14 – City Speech Meet

11/15 – 6th Grade to MD for “Puffs” (fall play)

11/16 – Picture retake day

11/17 – St. James hosting 7th-8th grade dance

11/19 – Breakfast with Santa

11/20 – Faith Sharing with Sr. Irma

11/22-11/26 – Thanksgiving break – No School

12/7 – Advent Program

12/11 – Faith Sharing with Sr. Irma

12/20 – End Quarter 2 (No School 12/21 – 1/4)

**Sub-Committees**

Marketing – Amie Hulfachor is working on revamping the school website. Mr. Chamberlain will be making calls to all Preschool families to talk to them about continuing their education at St. James Kindergarten.

Legislative – Finding out more about the Project Lead the Way and the path towards technical schools vs. college.

Youth Group – 8th grade raking Sr. Irma’s leaves. 5th-7th grades volunteering at TriState Food Bank.

PTA – no report

Athletics – basketball season starting.

Technology – Mrs. Bush will begin using Social Media to share students’ artwork. No names will be used. Will also be using social media to promote the extra curriculars going on at St. James.

Next meeting will be used to discuss and revise School Improvement Goal 1.

Meeting closed with prayer.

**Next Meeting Wednesday January 10th, 2024 at 5:30pm**