

Lay Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2017

Began Meeting 6:07 pm

Adjourned Meeting 7:40 pm

In Attendance

Tom McGuire

Felicia Niven

Eric Reich

Martin Radzieta

Mike Klein

Kate Klemick

Jeanette Powers

Pete Balestriere

6:07 pm – Call to order/Opening prayer/Minutes approved

6:10 pm – Suggestion box – no suggestions

6:10 pm – Principal's Report

- a. **Vendor Fair** – The fair was successful and also the site for the first BMRCs Facebook Live broadcast.
- b. **Facebook Live Launch** - Facebook Live also was used at the dedication of Lori Larkin Court, to create additional excitement about the event. We'll continue to look for new and effective ways to communicate, such as with Facebook Live.
- c. **Lori Larkin Court** - The dedication was well attended by students, parents, coaches and some alumni. Coverage appeared in the Catholic Star Herald, the Gazette and on SNJ Today TV.
- d. **TV Coverage** – It was discussed whether BMRCs should consider purchasing coverage on TV in the form of paid commercials. The Board thought it was too expensive. Pete Balestriere inquired whether BMRCs still had a Radio Club, where students traveled to the local station to do a broadcast. That could be a good future opportunity for PR.
- e. **Club Update** – The Coding Club is back in Feb., led by alumnus Michael Klein who received permission from his principal to run the club at BMRS. There also is the possibility of a lacrosse club, which would require some expense on the part of the parents. (To date, clubs have been free of charge.) The Board felt that parents would understand the cost associated with lacrosse, and it wouldn't be a problem to ask for that.
- f. **Following Up re: Schedule** – Principal McGuire held a schoolwide morning meeting addressing the need for the schedule this year. He spoke with staff about their concerns, and will be launching a staff committee to work on the schedule for next year. The Lay Advisory Board noted that the feedback from their children is that Morning Meetings are long and not equally suited for all age ranges. Principal McGuire will consider splitting future Morning Meetings into two groups, at 20 minutes each.
- g. **Update for RSVPs for School Summit** – Please remember to RSVP for the School Summit. Martin Radzieta will be assisting Dani Fox in providing food for the event. RSVPs will be provided to Dani and Martin a week prior.
- h. **Upcoming Events:** Principal McGuire noted the following upcoming events:
 - Breakfast with Santa
 - Raffle Drawing

Bishop Galante's Silver Jubilee – Let Principal McGuire know if you'd like to attend.
School / Church Fundraiser – Color Run – Spring 2018
Instructional Basketball League

There was discussion around the Color Run. The Board would like to share proceeds with the Parishes. The school will receive 60 percent and each Parish will receive 10 percent.

There also was discussion around the Instructional Basketball League, as an opportunity to hold an Open House for parents who are waiting on-site while their children (ages 3-7) play. Principal McGuire and Felicia Niven will work on developing a tour/Open House, possibly with refreshments for one or more of the sessions. Additional thoughts in the discussion included offering an activity following the basketball program, but since there are two sessions of basketball, that may not work.

7:10 pm - New Business

- a. We began re-registration earlier this year, to be more in line with the best practices of schools in our Diocese. Parents received a one-page form, which they can send in with their registration fee. There's an incentive to win an iPad or tech product if they submit by Dec. 22.
- b. We're working on restructuring our preschool from an ages model to a stages model. Principal McGuire presented a PowerPoint that showed the benefits of this progressive approach. The idea was well received by the Board, as progressive and a good selling point to potential families. They cautioned that the school should have a screening tool in the form of a rubric, and keep data on students, so that the placement will be objective rather than subjective. They suggested previewing the idea to the school community at a very high level ("30,000 ft. view") at the School Summit, without offering details, saying the full announcement will follow.

7:35 pm – Next meeting

The December meeting will be held virtually, via email, with members providing input to the School Summit presentation. If needed, Eric Reich will meet in person with Principal McGuire.

The next meeting at the school will be Thurs., Jan 25 at 6 pm.

7:40 pm – Closing prayer and adjournment