

**Lay Advisory Board Meeting
February 11, 2020
Began Meeting at 5:10 pm
Adjourned at 6:10 pm**

IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Klein
Tom McGuire
Anita McMahon
Kevin Morris
Jamie Mulholland
Felicia Niven
Eric Reich

5:10 pm – Call to order/Opening Prayer

- a. Minutes from both Oct. 2019 and Jan. 2020 were approved. Jamie Mulholland motioned; Mike Klein seconded, and the board voted their approval.

5:15 pm – Suggestion Box

- a. Allow girls to wear ties with uniforms – This is a repeat of a previous request from last year. The issue will be addressed by administration.
- b. Other suggestions included more recess and no school on Mondays.

5:20 pm - Principal's & Communications Report

- a. Catholic Schools Week was a success. Grandparents Day was said to be one of the nicest in recent years. Students also enjoyed the STEM activities and inter-grade interaction on Student Appreciation Day. There also was good feedback about the CSW speeches at the Parish Masses.
- b. It was asked whether the school could encourage students to wear uniforms to Mass as it is a nice way to increase visibility for BMRCS.
- c. St. Joseph's in Sea Isle hosts a Sunday Hospitality reception. Jamie Mulholland will inquire about available dates.
- d. The new business manager, Rich Johnson, has established regular office hours from Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 1 pm or 2 pm. This should be well received by families.
- e. Re-registration is at 56, which is slightly above last year's number at this time.
- f. Attendance at Coffee with the Principal has not been good. Jamie Mulholland suggested having themes for each session. It also was noted that personal invitations could help.
- g. The Strategic Planning Session had minimal attendance. The board recommended moving the meeting time later in the afternoon so that more people could attend. They also asked if they could receive images of the charts created in the first planning session. Felicia Niven will send those to the board members.
- h. The administration is considering adding a drone video to the website, which may necessitate a change in website providers. Eric Reich noted that Dusty Laricks uses a drone in his business, and may be a good resource.
- i. The school still intends to coordinate pastor birthday cards from students. Jamie Mulholland is researching birth dates.

6:10 pm – New Business

- a. Rumor Control: Eric Reich reported receiving communications about a mass exodus from BMRCs due to a teacher's indiscretion with girls in his class. The rumor came from an older gentleman who does not have children at the school. The board agreed that this type of rumor may be addressed in the future with open communications about departures. In this case, Eric will respond that this is "absolutely not true" and offer a conversation with Principal McGuire if necessary.
- b. Board members inquired about the "Empowering God's Children" VIRTUS course that children will be offered, and asked to see the curriculum. The link to VIRTUS can be found at: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/touchingsafetyprogram.cfm>. Principal McGuire will share the link with parents/ guardians via RenWeb.
- c. Eric Reich noted that one question he has been asked repeatedly is where the PATH assessment funds go? They want the funds to go to PATH and not to the school. Discussion ensued that it would be helpful if the PATH assessment could be a line item in the fundraising formula so that it was clear that the assessment is part of the goal amount.
- d. The weekly Skim may not be necessary. Mike Klein suggested sending a Skim midway between monthly meetings. If the draft agenda for the next meeting could be sent at the same time, then the board members could provide input on the agenda.
- e. The position of secretary is still open, and will be addressed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10 at 5 pm (with a request to move to Monday, March 9 if board members are available)