

Lay Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2018

Began Meeting 5:20 pm

Adjourned Meeting 6:45 pm

In Attendance

Tom McGuire

Felicia Niven

Eric Reich

Mike Klein

Anita McMahon

5:20 pm – Call to order/Opening prayer/Minutes approved

5:25 pm – Suggestion box – no suggestions

5:25 pm – Principal's Report

- a. **Enrollment** – We have 188 students enrolled and are anticipating the enrollment of 2 additional students. We are down 9 students since last year. This year, we welcomed 41 new students with more in K-8 than previously. We did not provide as much financial assistance as in the past.
- b. **Curriculum Updates** – Used in grades K-5, MyMath 2018-19 promotes critical thought and includes more writing for students to explain their thought processes. Previously, we used MyMath 2012. We have upgraded to Big Ideas Math 2019 for grades 6-8, which is used by a lot of public schools. TCI Social Studies is among the highest rated programs in the market, and we have expanded that program to grades K-8.
- c. **Back to School Night** – We are offering 2 separate nights this year: one for K-3 and the other for grades 5-8. We're also showing an introductory video from the administration to replace the presentation in the gym. We will consider staggering class presentations next year so that parents will not have to choose between their children's classes.
- d. **Bishop's Got Talent** – This fundraiser, scheduled for Nov. 9, will benefit Cape Regional. It was the idea of a 2nd grade student and the student CARES Leadership Team will be helping to coordinate the event.
- e. **New Lay Advisory Board Members** – We are still in need of Lay Advisory Board members. Suggestions are welcome. Prospective members must be approved by the pastors before invitations to the board are issued.

New Business

- a. **School Summit** – As a follow-up to last School Summit, we would like to hold a 2019 Summit. Based on previous feedback, the Summit would be opened up to the full school community and not just the boards. In an effort to bring more families out, the board discussed creating another Family Fun Night where the students were entertained (possibly by an obstacle course in the gym) and the parents could meet separately. The School Summit also could be renamed "State of the School" Family Night. The board voted to have the Summit on Tues., Jan. 15, 2019. Details to follow.
- b. **Mercy Day** – On Mon., Sept. 24, we will be holding a Mercy Day Prayer Service, followed by a surprise celebration for Sister Rosemary Powers. We will celebrate her 60+ years in Catholic education and wish her well. The celebration will be themed after her favorite team, the Phillies,

and parents, alumni and community members are welcome to attend. We will not be replacing Sister Rosemary. We have distributed her duties among the faculty and staff.

- c. **Volunteer Coaches** – We're seeking volunteer coaches for soccer and basketball. The board suggested perhaps tying volunteerism to financial aid to encourage participation. RenWeb possibly can track this.
- d. **RenWeb** – The feeling in the community is that RenWeb is cumbersome to set up.
- e. **PATH Assessment** - The \$65,000 PATH Assessment that is a part of the budget may no longer be sustainable. The board suggested the possible establishment of a Finance Committee.

6:40 pm – Next meeting: Tues., Oct. 9, 2018

6:45 pm – Closing prayer and adjournment