

School of St. Joseph  
2107 E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50317

**Minutes of the Board of Education**  
**Thursday, October 1, 2015 6:00 pm**  
**St. Joseph Parish Center**

**Call to Order**

Prayer: Steve Johns

- I. **Roll Call** Carolyn Farrell, Dan Stamey, Dave Dietrich, Fr. Ross, Phyllis Konchar, Steve Johns, Deb Ryan, Tracie Sehnert, Trish Jay, Aimee Lovan, Stacy Halbach

Absent: Gary Steenblock, Paul Jackson

- II. **Acceptance of agenda:**

Motion – Dave Dietrich    Second – Dan Stamey    Passed

- III. **Comments/In Service:**

- IV. **Open Forum -** Trish Jay inquiring about disciplinary actions. Guest inquiring about how our behavioral system is going. Addressing bathroom cleanliness.

- V. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Steve Johns    Second: Dave Dietrich    Passed

- VI. **Reports:**

Pastor: School safety our #1 concern. It's our priority. Teamwork and communication staff working on it with our monthly meeting. So far going great. Thank you for your dedication to our school. We struggle with mass attendance from school and religious Ed kids. Looking for ways to increase attendance at weekend mass.

Principal's report: St. Jerome feast day on Wednesday. We've invited father to take kids to the church and teach about mass to our students. We want it to touch their hearts and not just something they do. All Preschool playground equipment and fencing here. Looking for installers. Equipment allocated to preschoolers only. We obtained storage for the trikes. Living Rosary yesterday by 3<sup>rd</sup> gr went well. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> gr prayer service. Conferences next week. Administrator retreat next week in Omaha. Science standards were approved at State level. NGSS standards approved. Activities happening: Brix, Art Club, Angel for a Day, piano, bell choir, chorus. Parish and school Halloween event on 25<sup>th</sup>. Buddy activity went well. Center Grove Orchard donated apples and teachers performed a reader's theatre and students made applesauce. Next Buddy Activity is Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Red Ribbon Week theme. Iowa Assessments week of 12<sup>th</sup> grades 3-8. We will host a dance in November.

Director of Religious Education (Deb): 86 students as of today. 21 out of sequence. We have 2 very enthusiastic teachers. Using Year of Mercy as our theme. Gave parents works of mercy ideas. Monthly raffle to turn in coupons.

Youth Ministry (Stacy): Fall retreat in Panora went well had great response. Confirmation started. 30 students registered. Year 2's did service project. Wrote letters to Parish shut-ins. Confirmation retreat next weekend at Our Lady's. Youth Council has kicked off.

President's report: Nothing to report

Buildings and Grounds : need fence and basketball hoops installed

Athletic Committee report: volleyball going on and doing well.

Finance report: Financially looking good now. Elevator will cost us. Our 1<sup>st</sup> priority is elevator. 2<sup>nd</sup> priority is redoing the bathrooms. 3<sup>rd</sup> goal: school expansion.

In-service Dinner report (formerly appreciation):Nothing to Report

Parish Council report: Nothing to Report

VII. **Unfinished Business**

VIII. **New Business**

A. Administrators retreat: Faith Formation, John was here and was phenomenal. His story was amazing. This year's presenters are great and our staff is responding well.

IX. **Executive Session**

X. **Questions of and by Board Members**

XI. **Next Meeting:** Nov 5, 2015 6pm  
Refreshments/Prayer/Treats: Dave Dietrich

XII. **Closing Prayer** Steve Johns

XIII. **Adjournment** 7:22 pm