

School Committee Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2024

School Committee Members Present:

Michelle Hagen Luke Feudner
Dan Scholz Hayley Thomas
Tony Dompke

The meeting began with a prayer by Hayley Thomas

September meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Father Reed was not available to attend the meeting. He is visiting with his mother.
- Luke mentioned that the Pastoral Counsel recently met

Principal's Report (including notes on ECP and Athletics)

- For the third Friday, we were at 179 enrollment, 178 of which were choice
- Current enrollment is 177 due to two students moving away
- Michelle has a list of approximately 10 students who may enroll in a K3 program
 - 7 students would pay the cost of the teacher
 - Cost-effectiveness will have to be determined for the program
- Juanita Jones will be leaving MGC as the administrative assistant by December 15th
 - Interviews for her position have started
- ECP is looking to hire more staff
- A new security system for ECP was looked into
 - A few quotes have been received and a new system will be installed within a few weeks
 - The new system will tie into the school security system
 - Tony mentioned that there are often grants for security systems
 - Luke mentioned that the Archdiocese has a new security assessment for the MGC campus that has been discussed with Pastoral Counsel
 - Michelle emailed Bruce from the Archdiocese
- Athletics
 - Home volleyball games this weekend
 - Previous home games went well
 - Soccer is winding down
 - Basketball will be starting up in November and there is a lot of interest in the sport
- Michelle spoke with the Finance committee and they approved the new security measures, the Catholic Schools Walk, and the canvassing event/literature event
 - The canvassing event will promote the school and parish
 - Tony encouraged the literature to promote that our church is an active congregation that provides outreach to our community

- Sample brochures were shown to the committee
 - Discussion of when would be the best time to have the canvassing event
 - Possibility of seeing if it could be tied into Enderis Park trick-or-treat time was brought up
 - The possibility of Knights of Columbus helping was mentioned
 - Tony will contact John at the Knights of Columbus regarding a few potential dates
 - Fundraising for the Catholic Schools Walk will go towards funding the new school sign
 - Incentives for the kids will be included such as if you raise \$100 in donations you can put a message on the new sign
 - Additional funds will go towards Home and School
 - Approved asking parishioners to raise money to get new doors for the school.
 - The cost for all new outer doors will be \$110,000. The three most necessary doors (School Main Office, CYM Door, and Gym Door) would cost approximately \$50,000. If we get the three most essential doors done at the same time the company will give us an additional \$1,000 off.
- Hours of instruction had to be submitted to the DPI
 - The hours vary by grade level
 - Only 30 minutes can be counted for recess
 - Transition and breakfast cannot be counted
 - Mass can only be counted once a week
 - MGC did not meet the hours of instruction requirement for middle school and kindergarten (K5) and changes have been made to accommodate the correct minutes
 - 8th grade will only be attending Mass once a week
 - Kindergarten will phase out nap time by Christmas
- Parents will be invited to attend SAC on November 12th and February 11th to be compliant with DPI requirements
- The science lab has been emptied and cleaned. It will be utilized for science classes and labs by all grade levels
- A Christmas concert is in the works for potentially Sunday, December 8th
 - Tying it into MGC's 99th anniversary
 - Cocoa with Santa could be tied in
 - Tony brought up a concern about having it on Sunday, December 8th as some families attend other churches on Sundays
 - Would have to be held late afternoon or early evening
- All school rosary will be held twice during October (October 17th and 31st) after all school Mass
- Students will be attending Mass on both October 31st and November 1st for the Holy Day
- Fundraising for Breast Cancer Research through students paying \$1 to wear pink tops on Fridays in October and having a teachers vs. students volleyball game on Friday, November 1st

- Turning the prayer space (Chapel) into something more prevalent and special for our students
 - Father Reed is hoping to have monthly confessions with our students
- Having a safety committee/team was brought up by the Archdiocese
 - Assessing for risk and liability
 - Mentioned that lamps, string lights, rugs, and cords are big concerns
 - AED boxes need both kid and adult pads
 - The Archdiocese wants schools to be more proactive in looking for risks
- Sprucing up MGC for the 100th anniversary so we can make a good impression on any visitors
 - Cleaning up some of the clutter around the school and selling some of the items to raise funds for MGC

Closing Prayer by Tony Dompke