

Fifth School Board Meeting of the 2018-2019 School Year
January 8, 2019

Participants: Mary Ellyn Billmeyer, Allison Kanyuh, Jeff Filippi, Fred Pfeiffer, & Deanna Scheider. Father Gregg arrived later due to a meeting downtown.

Father Gregg Announcement:

To Teach Who Christ is Campaign is almost at \$1 million. We're \$27K shy of a million.

Engineering has started for the new HVAC system which will be replaced over the summer.

Principal Notes:

MAP testing started today. This week will be reading and next week will be Math.

Mrs. Billmeyer is extremely thankful to those who donated after the School's Christmas Concert. We collected \$1300.00 and this helped us to purchase a third smartboard and will help toward acquiring more technology for the school.

The Windy City Bulls game raised \$290.00 for the school. Now that Fred knows how it works, we will provide more of a notice for the next time we do this to hopefully get more involvement.

According to a new state mandate, Mrs. Billmeyer will add to the Handbook that any verbal or written threats by a student have to be called into the police.

Catholic Schools' week has some fun activities scheduled. Activities planned are: an all school skate night, Ben the Bubble Guy for student entertainment, a drive through breakfast for the parents and fundraising by the students for the women and children's unit at St. Alexius.

On January 23rd, there will be a financial meeting at Mt. Vernon with members from the Diocese who will explain where they're at with the budget and their plans for the year.

Fred is going to be available in the Computer Lab after 9:00am Mass this Sunday to educate people on the IL tax credit/ scholarship information.

Upcoming School Board Events:

Catholic Schools' Week Open House-The School Board members should attend the "new family" open house on Sunday, Jan 27th and arrive at 9:15am for tours. New families have been invited to be there by 9:30am for registration and tours.

Trivia Night is Saturday, February 23rd in the Parish Center. Doors will open at 6:00pm and trivia will start at 7:00pm. Allison mailed out the donation letters on January 4th. Registration begins January 21st and the registration fee will be \$30.00 per person, 10 people per table. Room Parents are responsible for coordinating the room baskets. Allison will send a form out to the teachers via Maria.

Father Ted Annual Golf Outing- Mary Alice will not have time to chair this event this year. Will someone else be interested in taking over this responsibility? Mary Ellyn will ask around, however we need to decide soon if we will continue. We did discuss it is a fun event and perhaps the responsibility could be shared by several groups.

Fourth School Board Meeting of the 2018-2019 School Year
December 4, 2018

Participants: Mary Ellyn Billmeyer, Allison Kanyuh, Jeff Filippi, Fred Pfeiffer, & Deanna Scheider Father Gregg arrived at 7:50.

Principal Notes:

Empower Illinois has agreed to pledge \$2000.00 for a company pledge of \$1000.00.

To date, seven families attending St. Johns have currently been helped by this program (2 new families and 5 existing families)

Mrs. Billmeyer attended a seminar with guest speaker Dr. David Walsh regarding children and the safety of social media. He was saying how the increase in texting is negatively affecting the development of a child's brains and how they react.

The Freedom Essays for the VFW competition announced its winners and 3 current students and 1 past student were from St. Johns (8th Graders: Lenore McBean, Jordan Nguyen and Marianne Mercurio and alumnus Sean Hancock). Mrs. Billmeyer was extremely proud of how St. Johns did.

It is time for St. Johns to be re-evaluated by the state and accredited regarding health and safety. They will observe the teachers to make sure they're following the IL state codes for health and safety. This certification is for 5 years.

AdvancED will be at St. Johns March 11th and 12th. This is an accreditation by the Archdiocese to see how instruction is delivered and how engaged the children are. The AdvancED accreditation process is recognized for its ability to effectively drive student performance and continuous improvement. The Systems Accreditation designed for Catholic school systems aligns the Archdiocese with AdvancED standards.

Tomorrow the school will attend Advent Reconciliation.

St. Johns Parish and School will be getting a new telephone system over Christmas break. There have been phone issues in Kyle Hall etc.

The Parish will be receiving \$54,000 back from this year's Annual Catholics Appeal. This money will help to replace the current lights to LED lights in the Church as well as repairs to the front doors of the Church.

To Teach Who Christ is campaign is currently at \$2,018,000.00. Our part of the funds that have already been collected should be \$565,000. This is sufficient to get started on the

Engineering for the new HVAC system after the 1st of the year and then the HVAC will hopefully be completed this summer. Final Diocese approval is pending.

The student Christmas show will be Tuesday night, December 18th in the Church, and will be from 7:00-8:00pm. The students will sing Christmas carols about the Nativity. Doors will open at 6:45.

5th Grade's DARE Graduation will be Friday December 14th.

The Parish Living Nativity will be held Monday, December 17th.

Friday, December 21st will be an 11:30 dismissal for Christmas Break.

The Church Gala did very well this year with 175 people in attendance. The Gala raised \$13,000.00.

Deanna to create and provide a ½ page postcard for the upcoming school open house for Catholic Schools' week Sunday, January 27th.