

## **School Committee Meeting Minutes**

*November 2, 2023*

Attendance: Jeremy Blackwood, Heather Nosbusch, Sara Quates, Janel Holmes, Liz Allbright, Kimberley Bayer, Joanna Schmanski, Chris Multhauf, Bryanna VanVreede, Monica Warren.

**Meeting began at 6:37pm with prayer.**

**Principal's report.** *Mr. Multhauf*

St. Catherine Drexel in Beaver Dam is going through accreditation. Mr. Multhauf and two other teachers visited to see what that is like and begin to prepare for SJS accreditation in 2025-2026.

Teachers will discuss MAPS testing results during conferences.

Admin committee.

**Faculty report.** *Mrs. VanVreede*

Class field trips updates.

Middle school is introducing advisory letter grades for informational purposes only.

**Open discussion.**

Discussion of MAPS testing. The school's percentiles are not as high as anticipated.

**No home and school report this month.**

**Subcommittee issue-spotting.**

*Technology.* School committee is required by the Archdiocese to have a technology subcommittee. One urgent task is the school web site. Mr. Multhauf would like to update the website to include links to minutes. Sara Quates, Liz Allbright, Mrs. VanVreede and Mr. Multhauf will be on the subcommittee.

Other Archdiocesan subcommittee requirements are *PR/Marketing* and *Planning*.

**Constitution and bylaws.**

Dr. Blackwood sent the bylaws and constitutions to the group but few members reviewed them yet. Printed copies are distributed to the members at this time.

The parish council is responsible for assigning a member to school committee but has not done so at this time.

The constitution says that there are two appointed representatives of the faculty that alternate attending the monthly meetings. The bylaws say only one is required.

Likewise, members of school committee are supposed to make three-year commitments. In the spring we are supposed to hold official elections.

Additionally, the parish pastor is required to attend.

It is important to revise the bylaws and the constitution so they match in time for accreditation.

The Constitution can be changed with a two-thirds vote.

The Bylaws can be changed with a simple majority.

Kimberley Bayer and Sara Quates will review the ethics section.

Liz Allbright and Jeremy Blackwood will look at the constitution.

Joanna Schmanski and Janel Holmes will review §§ 1-3.

Heather Nosbusch and Monica Warren will review §§ 6-9.

Stephanie Weiler and Jay Boucher will review § 4.

The purpose of the review is to flag portions of the document that do not match actual practice, typography and grammar, omissions, etc.

Readers will have changes ready to propose by the next meeting, December 7, 2023. Changes will be identified in a shared Google doc.

Mr. Multhauf's vision for the function of school committee is similar to that of a public school board. Accountability of faculty to the larger community.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.**

Minutes prepared and submitted by Kimberley Bayer.