

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL
BOARD MINUTES
April 12, 2016

Call to Order: Chair Aaron Floyd called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Present: Aaron Floyd, Danielle Walter, Janet Merz, Cathy Mulhall, Tom Treat, Lisa Day, Pastor Mark, Leanna Fain, Jerry Mulhall

Absent: Ty Zumach, Patrick Carrillo

1. Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved, seconded, and approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the 3-15-16 meeting were moved, seconded, and approved with some changes.

4. Communication with Staff

Leanna reported that 3 infants will be moving into the toddler room in June and for the first time there is not a waiting list for infants. She doesn't see any problems with filling the spots. The childcare center is at full staff. Enrollment for summer: all classes are full. Enrollment for fall: all classes except for grades 1-5 are full.

Tom reported that there are a lot of activities up coming between now and the end of the school year. Some of these activities include: testing, class pictures, field trips, field day, Apple Blossom events, jog-a-thons, and concerts.

5. Regular Business

a) Budget Communication

The April meeting was moved forward so the budgets for childcare and school were not available for review at this time.

6. New Business

b) School Restructuring

Tom reported to the board that a small group consisting of Pastor, Aaron, and himself have been exploring school options for the future. Much of the ideas being explored came about after a group of parents petitioned the school board to once again add 6th grade next school year with planning to add 7th & 8th grade in the future. After speaking recently and in the past with representatives from Wenatchee First Assembly, future growth utilizing the WFA facility is not a possibility. Programs within their church are expanding so St. Paul's is not able to access anymore rooms for classrooms than we are currently occupying. WFA has been asking about St. Paul's future plans and will not offer St. Paul's a lease for more than 1 year at a time. Those answers brought about the need to find different solutions for St. Paul's to have future growth. One of the possibilities that had been considered in the past was to move the grade school back to the St. Paul's campus. To discover if this was a feasible option, the small group consulted with Jerry and Cathy Mulhall and also with Leanna Fain to see if the upstairs classrooms in the childcare building would be usable for school in the mornings. The group found that if there is no potential for growth at the WFA facility and there is usable space at the St. Paul's campus for the entire school, then why spend another year paying rent when the same money could be used for modifications as needed. The school staff had an all-staff meeting earlier in the day and were told about options that were being explored. The church council will have a discussion about moving the school to the St. Paul's campus later this week and on Sunday there is a voters meeting. Another subject that came up in this discussion was the fact that there have not been any viable candidates for the 4th and 5th grade position that will be vacant next school year.

There is an idea to not fill the position for one year which would save the school money. The majority of the discussion from this point forward was about both of these options. A motion was made to move forward with a recommendation to the church to move to 1 campus for the 2016-17 school year. The motion was seconded and approved. At this time 4th and 5th grade are offered by the school. Until a motion is made to drop these classes, they will still be offered and applications will be accepted for the teaching position. A parent information meeting has been set for April 24, 2016 from 4:30-5:30 at St. Paul's Church.

7. Old Business

c) Kindergarten Teacher

The candidate that was being considered has accepted a position with the school.

d) Auction Funds Expenditure Requests

Lists have been turned into Tom from the teachers and will be reviewed. Once a decision is made on school location, then requests can be considered.

8. Other

9. Next Board Meeting: May 19, 2016; 6:00 PM.

10. Adjournment: 8:20pm with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Day, Recording Secretary