

**ST. MARY SCHOOL - SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

**Present:** President Bryan Beaman, Principal Lucy Marsh, Jennifer Hollon, Stan Galbraith, Sam Morton, Branson Eubank, Kristen Koch, and Jim Braden

**Call to Order:** Bryan Beaman opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary School

**New Council Member:** Kristen Koch was introduced and welcomed as a new member.

**Minutes:** The August meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**Financials:** The 2015-2016 Budget and the August Financial Report were distributed by Jennifer Hollon and discussion ensued including the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Commitment and past due tuition. Jennifer Hollon indicated progress has and is being made on the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Commitment and most of the past due tuition is either on a repayment plan or at least not growing. However, there is one family that has not paid for the 2014-2015 school year and has yet to begin paying for the 2015-2016 school year. A discussion ensued regarding the school's ability to collect including withholding transcripts after graduation or informing the parents the student(s) will not be able to attend until a designated amount is brought current. Bryan Beaman encouraged Principal Marsh to work with Father Fister to work diligently with the family in an attempt to prevent the unpaid amount from growing.

**Principal's Report:** Principal Marsh presented the current report and a discussion ensued.

- Family engagement is higher than previous years,
- Safety measures are improving including the addition of a safety officer and a request for the State to ensure the school lights are flashing at the correct time,
- MAP testing and midterms are wrapping up and approaching, respectively,
- A recent local Principal meeting and a School Law seminar were informative and provided an opportunity to network,
- A larger variety of extracurricular activities are or will be available this year,
- Recent initiatives including adopting a seminarian, grandparents club, and Patriot Day have gone or are going well, and
- There are various community involvement initiatives underway in grades 3-5.

**Old Business:** Principal Marsh provided an update on RenWeb. Progress continues to be slower than desired so Bryan Beaman suggested a firm date be requested and if the date is not met, we consider identifying another company.

**New Business:** Principal Marsh indicated the school has some ongoing technology challenges and a discussion ensued. Rather than rely solely on volunteers, the council agreed bids should be entertained to fix and stabilize the IT issues. The Kindergarten class now has a classroom aid on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Principal Marsh will work to identify an aid on Tuesday and Thursday as well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 7:05 p.m. The next meeting will be October 26, 2015.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Braden, Secretary

**Action Items:**

- *Principal Marsh to work with Father Fister in an attempt to prevent the unpaid amount from growing with the one family not paying on current or prior school year.*
- *Principal Marsh to request a firm completion date with RenWeb.*
- *Principal Marsh to solicit bids for technology repairs.*
- *Principal Marsh to work to identify a Tuesday / Thursday afternoon aid for Kindergarten.*