

**ST. MARY SCHOOL - SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 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

Minutes: The September meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Financials: The September Financial Reports were distributed by Jennifer Hollon and discussion ensued. All families have now paid at least something for past due tuition.

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

- Returning student in 4th grade on 10.26.15; total enrollment at 80
- Teacher development continues; classroom observation, growth plans, and mentoring
- Student performance; spelling bee results
- Kindergarten class now has an aid all 5 days of the week
- Community involvement; library and nursing home visits
- Recent SMS Contributions; books, magazine, and \$2,750. The library is now in need a wooden bookcase to hold additional books.
- RenWeb has been cumbersome to implement. Efforts will continue, but SMS is currently on the wait list for a no-cost solution called AscendSMS which has fewer features, but is easier to administer, train, and manage. Jennifer Hollon agreed to review the RenWeb contract to see if we have the ability to cancel the contract at a savings of \$193 per month
- IT concerns; Brian Williamson has agreed to meet with Principal Marsh to assess, and possibly resolve, some ongoing IT issues
- Safety; Principal Marsh recently attended a safety presentation by Jon Akers who has been allocated state funding to assess the safety of private schools. SMS to request a staff development day with Jon Akers in the 2016-2017 school year.

Old Business: None as they were addressed in the Principal's report.

New Business: A discussion ensued regarding a recent letter issued by Father Fister to the school and the Parish. A reminder was provided to all council members that the council guidelines are available on the SMS website. No action was deemed necessary in response to the letter at this time. A note was made that the 5th grade class will be participating in the DAR essay this year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting will be November 23, 2015.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Braden, Secretary

Action Items:

- *Council Members to attempt to locate a wooden shelf for the library.*

- *Jennifer Hollon to review RenWeb contract and determine our ability to cancel.*