

Minutes

St. Mark School Board of Directors

Sept. 8, 2014, 5:30 – 7:30

Meeting called by K.J. Peters

Attendees: Father Paul Spellman, Mary Ann McQueen, K.J. Peters, Michelle Vagnati, Reshima Wilkinson, Jim Riley, Patrick Frontiera, Bridget Rohmer, Jennifer Agens, Mauricio Silva, Ian Fox, Andrew Jackson

Please read: Minutes of 5/12

5:30 – 5:40 Call to Order -- K.J.

Teachers
Lounge

Opening Prayer – Father Paul
Reflective reading – Mary Ann
Approval of 5/12/14 Minutes
Visitor's comments – **No Visitors**

5:40 – 6:00 Principal's report – Mary Ann

St. Mark advertisement in September 2014 LA Parent magazine
Parent orientation – 90% of parents in attendance at August presentation
Faculty is reading "Rethinking Homework" by Cathy Vatterott
New faculty & associates oriented
New after-school programs are being implemented with more choices
Technology-new access point will be implemented in November
New device program for faculty is being rolled out
Catapult learning- St. Mark has been selected
Grades of Green – non-profit promoting waste free lunches, working with schools to reduce waste

6:10 – 6:30 Board Candidates – Mary Ann

Motion passed to accept three candidates to new board positions: Nadine Adrian, Paige & Holland Henton & James Zucker
All three candidates will be invited to attend next board meeting

6:30 – 6:45 Year Priorities Discussion – KJ

Board members suggested and cast initial votes on several possible initiatives to focus on for the year:

(listed in no particular order)
Greening of the yard (7)
IT plan for students

Alumni outreach
Fundraising
Grant applications
Music Availability
Long-term communication plan (1)
Long-term facilities improvements (5)
Strategic plan
Safety
Student diversity (4)
Financial aid (2)
Middle school promotions
Media production in classrooms
Graduation prep
Facilities (gym) development
Anti-bullying
Enrollment growth
Boys/Girls club of Venice

Some areas may overlap/combine; further discussion planned for next meeting

6:45 – 7:05 Committee realignment –

Development/ Marketing Committee (Bridgette)
IT Committee (Patrick)
Facilities Committee (Ray)
PAC (Jennifer) – every PAC committee is full and has a chairperson except the Grandparents' Mass; welcome back reception was successful
Strategic Planning (Jim)
Safety (??)
Task Force (??)
WASC volunteer (??)

Committee realignment will be discussed at next meeting, with new board members in attendance; Board members think about which committees to join/continue involvement

Motion to change Board meeting schedule will appear next meeting (one potential schedule: Board meets every 2 months with committee meetings in between)

State of the School Meeting scheduled for 10/9 (possible change to 10/16 or 10/23?); PAC reception in the yard afterward?

7:20 – 7:30 New Business
