Meeting called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Sharon.

Present: Dr. Matt Herrick, Rocio Villagomez, Fr. Greg Bahl, Sharon Rebik, John Koorsen, Maggie Stalzer, Maggie Duffy, Yvette Meyer, Fr. Don Czapla

Also Present: John & Sue Fink

Opening Prayer: by Rocio

Approval of Agenda: Motion to move Lego League discussion up by Fr. Don, 2nd by John. Motion to approve agenda as amended by Fr. Don, 2nd by Rocio. Motion carried.

Lego League Stipend Position: Discussion re Lego League. This is an outside of school supplemental pay situation. Sue Fink gave an explanation of what Lego League is – it’s not just building with Legos. It involves building robotics, research and problem solving. It meets from August to Dec. 5th (Regional Competition). State meet is Jan. 16. Currently has 6 students. Sue would like this to be a stipend position for whoever helps out with this team and would like something in place before she retires to help keep the Lego League going. Fr. Don recommends taking it to the Finance Committee to include in the budget.

Comments from the Public: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion to approve September minutes and Report of Operations as amended by Fr. Don, 2nd by Maggie D. Motion carried.

Informational: Leaders Gram summary by Rocio.

Reports:
Principal: as attached. Current student enrollment is now 176. Wireless upgrade is being worked on (included in budget). Most funding for this is coming from the e-rate program and the Watson Fund which is an annual donation. Iowa Teacher Recruitment Fair is in April – partnering with Archdiocese to do this.

Finance Committee: Corrections to Operations reports. Concern about number of bank fees. Will be changing to different checking account which will eliminate a number of charges.

Director of Enrollment & Public Relations: Attached. All of those eligible for STO have applied.

Home & School: Attached.

Promotions Committee: Attached.

Building Committee: Did not meet, nothing has changed since May.

SIAC (School Improvement Action Committee): Ready to send out student teacher practicum invites to colleges.

Input from local boards: Bi-parish meeting next Tuesday following Archbishop’s visit. St. Mary’s has all proxies from diocese obtained but can’t find a contractor.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:
Board Training – Archdiocese normally sends out webinar for new board members but hasn’t done it yet this year. Matt discussed legal policies, documents, bylaws, etc. pertaining to Catholic school boards and corporate structure. St. Francis is somewhat of an exception due to being a consolidation of two parishes. St. Francis Catholic School Local Board Polices reviewed.
STO Talk – Waiting for donor list from STO to see if donors want to donate again. Will decide if Mass talks are needed after further info.

Radon Testing – Someday there might be a law requiring all schools to do testing. For DHS rules we have to do testing of childcare room but not by a certified tester. There have never been any issues in childcare before or after construction. In trying to determine costs of testing, Matt has been told that everything that has been done is exactly what should be done and there is .1% chance anything would be found. Matt will still try to get testing costs to determine how to proceed. Fr. Don would rather have the testing done to put people’s minds at ease.

Half Price Childcare for Sub Teachers – Employee teachers get half price for childcare. A sub has inquired as to whether this could be possible for them. Motion by Fr. Don for substitute teachers, when they sub for a teacher at St. Francis, to get half price childcare; 2nd by Rocio. Motion carried.

Lego League – discussed above.

Local Aid Round 3 – These families all came at the last second to enroll so there wasn’t time for Matt to run deals through the Finance Committee. Motion to approve local aid as recommended by Finance Committee by Maggie S., 2nd by John. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Fr. Don, 2nd by John. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next board meeting will be November 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Swift