

Trinity Lutheran School  
School Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 19, 2024

**Purpose/Mission Statement:**

Through Jesus, Trinity Lutheran School strives for academic excellence, spiritual growth, and lifelong service to God, family, and community.

**Members Present:** Jason Jewell, Liz Fedde, LaVonna Emanuel, Lori Paquette, Stephanie Clausen, Mark Vogt, Heather Nevarez, Mark Ostransky, Nelle Richardson, and Roy Hahn.

**Opening Prayer:** Stephanie Clausen

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from January 2024 were reviewed. Mark Ostransky made a motion to approve January 15, 2024, minutes. Lori Paquette seconded the motion. No discussion, all were in favor.

**Approval of Financials:** Mark Ostransky made a motion to accept the January 2024 financials. Lori Paquette seconded the motion. No discussion, all were in favor.

**Principal's Report:**

LaVonna Emanuel spoke about the kindergarten open house and thought it went very well, many more than expected attended. 35 people attended with 19 potential students. LaVonna thinks enrollment is going well with the earlier enrollment period this year and feels there was a good response. In her opinion the radio spots and Facebook push helped the turn-out.

LaVonna talked about this year's focus for professional development of staff members through ESU Training.

Accreditation update: Changes have been suggested on Trinity's curriculum through the accreditation process. Further adjustments may need to be made in order to receive full accreditation.

MAP scores from Fall to Spring tell what the school has done with students and shows outcomes. Some negative or no growth was seen in some areas. It was agreed by the council that if we are going to pay for MAP testing, then we need to follow it to see areas in need of improvement. LaVonna suggested additional training for the staff to understand the data collected and how to utilize it. LaVonna reviewed staffing issues, Letters of Intent letters were completed by the teaching staff. We have two members of the teaching staff not returning for the '24-'25 school year.

Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> the street percussion will be performing for students. Funds will be used from the fall fundraiser for this event.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Endowment money for teacher appreciation**

Council discussed using the endowment money (\$2000.00) for teacher appreciation. It was decided to form a sub-committee (Lori, Nelle, Mark V) to recommend to the council how these funds should be designated. LaVonna showed a backpack for consideration. Lori talked about an outside of school activity. Sub-committee will come to March meeting with options.

#### **Principal Call Committee Update**

Stephanie updated council that Sara Grein was called for Principal position.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Play**

Leah Burke has agreed to fill this position.

#### **AD Position**

Mr. Long has resigned from the AD position at end of February; however, he will continue teaching. No-one to fill in on staff currently.

**Dining to Donate:** Liz spoke about upcoming event on March 25<sup>th</sup> at La Hacienda 11am-11pm 10% of entire day will be donated to Trinity Lutheran School.

### **New Business:**

#### **'24- '25 School Calender**

Sub-committee assigned (Liz, Stephanie, Jason, Lori)

#### **Pre-K 5-year goal**

Continued to the March Meeting

#### **Girls Basketball Nationals**

Stephanie discussed \$375 registration fee/refunded if team doesn't make it.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Gerber

Mark Vogt  
Second Vice Chair