

Trinity Lutheran School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 19, 2023

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

Members Present: Jackie Pawling, Stephanie Clausen, Mark Ostransky, Mark Schmidt, Nelle Richardson, LaVonna Emanuel, Pastor Anthony Gerber

Nelle Richardson agreed to take minutes in Lori Paquette's absence.

Opening Prayer: Jackie Pawling

Approval of Minutes: Jackie removed a few wordy portions of last month's minutes. Minutes reviewed. Motion to approve by Mark Ostransky, second by Stephanie Clausen. No discussion, all in favor.

Approval of Financials: June financials reviewed. Questions were raised regarding the school hot lunch net income of -6,647.37. Jackie will contact Amy Glause regarding this. Approval of financials was tabled until next month.

Principal's Report: LaVonna Emanuel

- Discussion about hiring a 5th grade/math teacher
- Viewed graphical information about enrolled vs. pain vs. not enrolled students for the upcoming school year
- Summer Skills classes have 15 children attending. Kids are enjoying and benefiting. This program pays for itself.
- LaVonna + 2 teachers + Lacey + fire/police will participate in an emergency operations drill. This is required training.

Old Business:

- 2023-2024 school budget review-discussed pre-k expenditures
- LaVonna and several council members would like to have the school council minutes and upcoming agenda on the school's website. Pastor Gerber and Lacey would be managing this.
- Playground update-Stephanie Clausen. The shade structure is up. This project came in \$1500 under budget. Stephanie also brought in 2 estimates on picnic tables for the structure.
- Upper-grade classroom updates -Stephanie Clausen. This project is expected to be finished at the end of July.

New Business:

An idea was presented to offer a Trinity discount to ECC employees. Currently, Trinity employees receive a 50% discount at ECC. This could help retain employees at ECC and also retain students at Trinity. Several questions were asked. Jakie Pawling will speak with Patrice. This idea was tabled until questions were answered.

Accreditation Process Takes 2 years to complete. The cost is \$700/year. An additional cost of food/lodging for six visiting team members is required. LaVonna would like to develop a steering committee of 8 people for the accreditation process. LaVonna would also like to add accreditation information to the school website.

Goals/Objectives- LaVonna would like to develop three large, broad goals such as NLSA Accreditation, Teacher Professional Development, and STEM. These goals could be available for viewing on the website. The goals could be added to once completed.

Website Goals- see above for several suggestions

Monthly fundraisers at restaurants-Money raised would go to the general cost of the school ministry. Several suggestions for restaurants were given.

Lunch prices-proposed to raise prices from \$3/student lunch to \$3.25/lunch in order to cover the costs of staff/pastor meals. After discussion, it was proposed to keep staff lunch as a line item on the budget and possibly offset costs using income from above mentioned monthly restaurant fundraisers. Motion to accept by Stephanie Clausen, second by Nelle Richardson. No discussion, all in favor.

Closing Prayer: Jakie Pawling

Nelle Richardson, Pro Tem Secretary