



ST. THERESA
SCHOOL

School Board Minutes 2024-2025

General Information:	Meeting Date: October 1, 2024 Time: 7:00 PM Location: St Theresa's Teacher's Lounge Next Board Meeting: November 5, 2024
Conducted by:	Steve Bond
Recorded by:	Freddy Peralta
Attendees:	Members Present: Father Bob McCann, Alicia Ortegon, Rana Matley, Steve Bond, Warren Strudwick, Freddy Peralta, Tighe Wooldridge, Sophia Kassab Members Absent: Carlos Palacios, Joe Rose

1. **Opening Prayer:** Father Bob
2. **Approval of Minutes:** [Minutes](#) approved
3. **Presidents Report:** Steve Bond
 - a. Shared 2024-2025 [School Board Goals spreadsheet](#)
4. **Pastor Report:** Father Bob
 - a. Kids attended St. Theresa's Day today - successful first mass of the year
 - b. Scaffolding is still up, but scheduled to come down shortly as work is wrapped up.
 - c. Sunday, October 6th will be the St. Theresa Parish Festival. Attendance is encouraged.
5. **Principals Report:** Alicia Ortegon
 - a. Focused on prioritizing social curriculum for the students (augmenting the academic piece)
 - b. October 14th, the lawn will be treated for the gophers and yellowjackets. Once the treatment is done, lawn repair can commence.
 - c. October Parent/Teacher conferences are happening this week.
 - d. Budget has been finalized for the year and a review with the finance committee will occur at their next meeting.
 - e. Small improvements to the building continue to happen.
 - f. Faith families are up and running.
 - g. Middle school dance was a big hit!
 - h. Federal and state grants for security upgrades have been submitted. Currently awaiting final decisions.

6. **Parents Club Update:** Sophia Kassab
 - a. Auction ticket sales are off to a good start and work is ongoing to ensure capacity suffices for the group.
 - b. Between ticket sales, volunteer hours, business and family sponsors - signs are encouraging for this year's auction.
 - c. Early bird incentives ended as of 9/30.
 - d. Open to ideas for project specific paddle raise to be held at the auction.

7. **CYO Report:** Alicia Ortegon on behalf of Carlos Palacios
 - a. Coaching forms are due, Carlos to send out reminders as needed
 - b. 3rd Grade boys need more students on the team, opportunity to be opened up to 2nd Grade boys as well (but requires a 2nd grade coach volunteer)

8. **Committees Overview:**
 - a. **Finance**
 - i. 2024/2025 budget has been finalized and will be reviewed at the next committee meeting (Thursday, 10/3)
 - b. **Communications**
 - i. Collaborate with the Director of admissions - increase enrollment to 220 students
 - ii. Build bridges between the school and parish, especially in the 100th year of the parish
 - iii. Support the auction
 - iv. Increase and enhance our online presence (i.e. Niche schools)
 - v. Parents serve as key ambassadors
 - vi. Direct Mailing campaign
 - vii. New Flooring in the gym
 - viii. New revenue streams (i.e. grants) can be explored through either hiring a grant writer on an annual basis or through hourly rates
 - c. **Facilities**
 - i. First round of bids for lawn renovation: 62k for natural lawn, 140k for artificial turf

9. **Blacktop Buzz:** Parent Feedback
 - a.

Action Items

- ~~Freddy to work with Alicia on a collaboration/communication tool using the St T's Google group.~~
- ~~Facilities to solicit bids for doing artificial grass as an alternative.~~
- ~~Finance committee to explore the possibility of hiring a professional grant writer.~~

- Parent's club and Communications committee to partner on drafting a parent's feedback survey.
- Each committee to populate [School Board goals spreadsheet](#)