

Bishop Neumann School Advisory Board

Agenda

September 20, 2023

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Members:

Rachelle Benkusky	Valparaiso	Tammy Sassaman—Board President
Karla Lechtenberg	Davey	John Kreikemeier—Principal
Connie Thulin	Prague and Plasi	Sister Janelle Buettner—Assistant Principal
Mary Tenopir	Colon and Cedar Bluffs	
Steven Sladky	Wahoo	
Dan Hoss	Wahoo	
Jennifer Whitney	Mead	
Jordon Kavan	Weston Touhy	

Call Meeting to Order: President—Sassaman called meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present: Tammy Sassaman, Rachelle Benkusky, Karla Lechtenberg, Connie Thulin, Mary Tenopir, Dan Hoss, Jordan Kavan, Jennifer Whitney, Sister Janelle, and John Kreikemeier.

Absent: Steven Sladky

Review of Minutes from 6/21/23 Meeting: since we had so many new members, Sassaman reviewed the 6/21/23 minutes in the meeting

Introductions—all members introduced themselves and shared what parish they represent

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New members—Sassaman welcomed new members and reminded of purpose of the board

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of BN Advisory Board Procedures and Practices—Sassaman shared one edit made in procedures and practices
2. How to get the message out about our Advisory Board—Lechtenberg share when she looked on Bishop Neumann website, it was really hard to find the Advisory Board; suggested it be more up front and center. Whitney shared she will look into this so it is easily accessible. Sassaman shared she will also do a write up to send to administrative staff to send out to families indicating the board is active and who is on it.
3. How can parents bring concerns to our attention—Sassaman shared we want to focus on trends we are seeing within the school community.
4. Community Clean Up day—Sassaman asked if we can consider cleaning up some of the neighborhoods close to the school. Kreikemeier shared of limitations of cleanup day. Tenopir shared in her small town, they had 3 dumpsters to clean up the town and all 3 filled up—no questions asked. Will look in how we possibly bring this to Wahoo and have a city cleanup day.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

Senior Surveys—Sassaman asked about the results of surveys that were sent out to senior students and parents in May 2023. Sister Janelle shared there were a limited number of surveys returned. Will consider summarizing a report to send out. Thulin shared she wasn't aware of this survey and Sassaman shared she heard this from other parents as well. Will look at how to disseminate this survey out next year for more effective feedback—more notice and possibly send out in April instead of after school is out.

Lechtenberg brought up concerns regarding the Dennis Uniform Company and the sizing difference. Benkusky also brought up the backorders on uniforms when needed by school time. Discussed if we can consider a different company. Kreikemeier and Sister Janelle shared this is difficult as some companies start up and then end quickly; Dennis Uniform Company has longevity. Sister Janelle shared she is willing to contact Dennis Uniform Company to see how we can get a representative to come to Bishop Neumann for sizing and for regular contact with Bishop Neumann families. Also had open discussion of girls folding over skirts and they get too short and/or the shorts being too short. Sister Janelle shared she has had to address this a few times this year. Kreikemeier shared his rule when it comes to the shorts is they cannot be altered and nor hemmed. We discussed that all people have different types of bodies and clothing fits everyone a little differently. .

Sister Janelle also brought up the subject of how parents and students can make a better effort to show/express appreciation and kindness to the teachers. Had open discussion of some ideas to make this happen. Will discuss further at the November meeting.

Adjourned meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Adjourn: **Next meeting date/time: November 15th, 6:00 pm – 7:30 p.m.**