

St. James School Board Minutes  
Wednesday, Nov. 20th, 2013 @6:30 PM

*The mission of St. James Catholic School is to provide a well-rounded education in a cooperative effort to prepare students for life-long learning of their Christian faith.*

- I. Call to order and prayer *Meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM.*
- II. Finance Council-School Board Joint meeting
- III. Executive Session *McDole made a motion to enter executive session and Kleese seconded the motion. Entered executive session at 7:38. McDole made a motion to approve September's executive minutes and Kleese seconded. Motion carried.*
- IV. Approve past minutes *McDole made a motion to approve the minutes from October and Kleese seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes will be posted to the website.*
- V. Finance Update
- VI. Principal Wisniewski's Report *The students are in the middle of Iowa Assessments. Waiting for the report from the State about our Site Visit. One thing discussed during the visit was having SIAC meetings 4 times a year, spaced apart over the year. The State is pushing to change the school schedule from 180 days to 1080 hours. There will be no early outs for weather, in-service; days for no school because of weather will be made up; no district early start date. There will be a Thanksgiving service project. Family Video donated 6 turkeys. Each class is donating food for a Thanksgiving basket to be given to a school family in need. Each "family" will be decorating the boxes during their day. The Christmas Program will be Dec. 11, 2013 at 7:00 at the Community Center.*
- VII. Old Business
  - A. Site Visit 2013-2014 recap
  - B. KidZone update
  - C. SIAC meeting plans
  - D. Parent/Teacher surveys *Has not had a chance to run with site visit going on. Will get it put together and sent to parents and staff before Christmas.*
  - E. Technology update - IT position *Charlotte Lindmeier has been hired for this position. Will begin on Nov. 25th.*
  - F. 600 Policies (this may need to be tabled for future meeting)
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Professional Development update *Almost caught up with the Iowa Core Standards and Benchmarks. Once a month the teachers go to Grant Wood to work on the reading core.*

- IX. Meeting Reports
  - A. Parish Council
  - B. Home and School
  - C. Finance Council
- X. Committee reports
  - A. Marketing
  - B. Grants
  - C. Other Committees
- XI. Pastor Report
- XII. Future Agenda Items
  - A. *Site Visit*
  - B. *600 policies*
  - C. *Parent/Teacher surveys*
  - D. *Iowa Assessment access*
  - E. *FC/SB options*
- XIII. Adjournment and closing prayer *McDole made a motion to exit the meeting and Kleese seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.*
- XIV.