



Always Striving Beyond!

Academy School Board

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Dear Parents & Parishioners,

Our Academy School Board met this past Wednesday, October 4th and has defined its' purpose:

“To work in achieving the mission of the school by acting as a liaison group providing an evolving vision, diversity of talent, information, service, support, and enthusiasm.”

This meetings purpose was to establish and identify Parent Representation for each grade level in an effort to keep clear communication between our parents and this Advisory Board. Members of the Academy School Advisory Board are able to relate any concerns directly to the Administration should the need arise and assist in finding resolution to particular issues.

The Agenda also included the formation and commissioning of three (3) specific committees dedicated to strengthening and sustaining the Academy of St. Bartholomew. The committees will be made up of members of this Advisory Board and begin **actively** working and engaging the community in their respective areas of :

- **Marketing**
- **Alumni Association**
- **Community Partnerships (*friend-raising*)**

In addition our faculty and staff continue to develop and implement stages in making our school a **STEM Designation**. In the past month each of our grade level teachers were allotted **\$200.00 each**, through the generosity of our **Parent School Support Group**, to be used in purchasing STEM manipulatives and other resources that they have begun integrating into their daily lessons. This is known as the **“Teacher-Pay-Teacher.”** Our Academy is dedicated in pursuing the STEM Designation and this is just another step forward towards that goal.

One other vital item was addressed at this meeting and that was **Testimonials** from past students and parents that we intend to incorporate in our three newly formed committees, especially in our Marketing Strategies for the future school years.

We will again be meeting in November with the sole-purpose of implementing and taking our committees “off the page” and onto the streets.

Thank you for **your** continued interest and support of the ASB not only by reading these newsletters but for your **continued** financial support of the **Parish** which in turns supports our **Parish Academy!** **TOGETHER**, we are strengthening our school to ensure the presence of Catholic Education for future generations of our young parishioners!

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