

## **Bergan Catholic Elementary Parent Knights Meeting**

May 5, 2025 | Bergan Elementary Library | 7pm

Attendance: Kori Miller-Walkenhorst, Britni Delva, Dana Hanson, Lexi Klement, Jess Talkington, Elizabeth Inman, Liz Gibney, Amalie Guldenpfennig, Joscelyn Camenzind, Brittany, Burbach, Mandy Ostdiek, Heidi Deyle, Dr Mary Ritzdorf

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Opening Prayer: Brittany Burbach
3. Agenda Items
  - a. Approve April Minutes
    - i. Dana Hanson approves, Jess Talkington seconds
  - b. Principal's Update: Dr. Mary Ritzdorf
    - i. Mrs. Kempf is leaving so they are interviewing candidates for the 4th grade position. Zoey is (most likely) moving into a para position while taking FT classes so we will be hiring an admin assistant. Angie Wallman will not be returning next year. Ms Keber will be in the elementary school FT and the kids will be having music class 3x/week along with PE 3x/week.
    - ii. Dr Ritzdorf wants to see more STEM in the classroom and more family engagement. Jeff from Prairie Stem is coming to share with the group tonight about how they could bring both STEM & family engagement to the school. Dr Ritzdorf shared a few other ideas she has for family engagement.
    - iii. There is a scheduled "Curriculum Night" for the next school year where parents come to learn about the curriculum the students will be covering and expectations from teachers.
    - iv. Piloting a new reading & language arts curriculum in the fall along with YOUFLY, a new Phonics program for K-3.
  - c. Prairie Stem Presentation: Jeff & Pam Ingraham
    - i. Their mission is to provide world class STEM learning & Social Emotional Learning integration for all students. They are made up of educators, musicians, artists & innovators. They work with many Catholic schools in Omaha in various aspects. They can cater to Bergan's needs whether it's a STEM night for family engagement or weekly sessions in the classroom. We will be getting pricing for all the various levels of involvement and discuss from there.
  - d. Treasurer Report: Mandy Ostdiek

- i. Mandy covered the expenses from the month and talked about the Big Give on May 8th. Please donate to our Parent Knights relay team!
- e. Teacher Appreciation Day
  - i. Because we gifted the “Make Jesus Famous” sweatshirts to teachers during Catholic Schools week, we are going to do an afternoon snack cart on Tuesday, May 6th for the teachers.
- f. Uniform Update
  - i. The new vendor for our uniforms is online only & having a big sale at the end of May so samples will be in the elementary school for try-ons on Monday May 12th from 8am-4pm. They will also be available to try-on at our summer uniform sale.
- 4. Closing Prayer
- 5. Meeting adjourned