

School Board Report – December 2016

Dear Parents,

The School Board met on Thursday, December 1st and December 8th. The issues discussed included:

- 1) Reformatting of the school's financial statement so that it can be used as a template going forward to create school budgets. Ms. Lind provided input to this process and worked with George Argires to create.
- 2) The Board approved hiring a preK aide for January-June of 2017.
- 3) The Board approved hiring an instructional coach to work on curriculum with our teachers for 10 hours per week for January-June of 2017.
- 4) The Board approved to make our part-time Greek/Art position a full-time position beginning in January 2017. This will help increase Greek language instruction at the pre-school level and to provide reading intervention support for students across grade levels.
- 5) Ms. Lind has begun to prepare a 2017-18 budget to be presented to the School Board no later than our February 2017 meeting.
- 6) A parent has agreed to work with Fr. Tom to create some marketing materials, organize email lists, and do some outreach to other Orthodox Churches to help recruit new families to the school. An open house is being planned for prospective parents in February 2017.
- 7) A second parent is working with Ms. Lind to submit an application for a grant for the school in the areas of curriculum and staff development by the funding group deadline of Dec. 31st, 2016.
- 8) Ms. Lind is assessing the educational needs of the school and to prioritize areas for improvement for the 2017-2018 school year. Given that there most likely will need to be some investment made in this area, the School Board has voted to suspend its search for president at this time. In its discussion, the Board felt that it did not have the funds to do both projects at the same time and that the more immediate need for improving the education of our students should come first.

The School Board would like to wish all of our staff, parents and children a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy your Christmas Break!

Sincerely,

George Argires

Koraes School Board Chairman