

St. Augustin Catholic Church

Board of Education Discernment

Thank you for your interest in serving on the St. Augustin Board of Education. This year, we are again using the Discernment Process to select new members for the Board. Discernment is a process of prayerfully considering God's call to you to serve your parish.

Vision Statement for the Board:

To be an effective, supportive Board of Education that represents all aspects of parish youth education, developing "best practices" policies, and establishing a tradition of excellence.

Term:

Service on the Board is for a term of three years. Board members may serve a second three-year term at their discretion but must end their service after six years.

The Board is an advisory committee that provides feedback and recommendation to the Pastor and the Principal about St. Augustin education programs including: St. Augustin School (K-8), the Preschool, Religious Education for school-age children not attending St. Augustin School, and the Youth Ministry.

Current Board of Education Members:

Christy Sullivan, President
Sarah Hayes, Vice-President
Jennifer Lorbiecki, Secretary
Ted Power, Treasurer
Tim Coonan
Mark Conrad
Bridget Proctor
Sherri Nielsen

Time Commitment: The Board of Education meetings occur on the first Tuesday evening of each month and one Parish Council meeting per year. The Board has several subcommittees, and each Board member is assigned to one or two subcommittees

The subcommittees will decide how often and when they meet each year, but subcommittee functions are typically less frequent than Board meetings. Board of Education members are also expected to attend parent events relating to the various programs and other functions as deemed necessary by the Board.

Board of Education—Quick Facts

What it is:

Eight parishioners and the pastor.

Each member holds a three-year term.

Provides feedback and recommendations for the K-8 School, Preschool, Religious Education, Youth Ministry. Reviews and sets policy for each of these programs.

Works with administrators and the parish's Finance Council to review and develop budgets for each program.

Will assist in interviewing and selection of new staff if requested

Responds to administrators' request for advice and special needs.

Select and review program administrators if requested.

Support and encourage program administrators.

What it is not:

The Board of Education does not get involved into the day-to-day operations of the programs it oversees.

The Board does not plan, organize or manage any of the programs.

The Board does not supervise or evaluate staff.

The Board does not discuss individual personnel or students.

Frequency of Meetings:

The Board of Education meets every first Tuesday of each month.

Monthly meetings last 1 ½ to 2 hours and start at 6:30 pm.

Subcommittee meetings and events are scheduled on an ad hoc basis as needs arise.

There are several St. Augustin events or programs that the Board participates in and some or all members are expected to participate. Some of these are Open House, Back to School Night, Catholic Schools Week, Parent Information Meetings.

Membership Characteristics:

Faithfulness

Parishioners and/or parents of students attending St. Augustin School, Religious Education, Youth Ministry or Preschool programs.

Parish members who are active in the parish and school community, and who would like to contribute their time and talents, both personally and professionally, to and for the growth and betterment of the Parish and our school community.

People who seek to make our school and religious education programs a place of excellence of learning, emphasizing the teachings of Catholic Faith and incorporating them in everyday life.

Can display tact, firmness and cooperation in spite of differing views.

Members must make decisions by listening to all sides and work with a diverse group, not involving personal choices or agendas, all with the purpose of making our education and religious programs excel.

Must be able to keep information confidential when necessary.

2019-20 Needs:

We anticipate two openings this year. The Board is specifically looking for candidates with a child 0 to 7 years of age.

St. Augustin School

Personal Information Application for the Board of Education

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

What interests you in serving on the Board of Education?

What gifts would you bring to the Board of Education?

How have you been involved in Parish and School activities in the past?

What are your top three goals for serving on the Board of Education?

What would a successful term look like to you?

Please complete and return to the Parish Office by April 10th via email or in person.

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