

St. Catherine of Siena Board of Catholic Education
Minutes for Meeting of 9/6/2022

Opening Prayer: Board Members prayer

Roll Call: Present: Mike Jacks, Juliane Brown, Jenny Tallarigo, Father Stef, Becky Schill, Sarah Dinkelacker, Colleen Copenhaver, Jenny Collopy

Absent: Judy Newberry

Excused:

Becky Schill welcomed our new Director of Religious Education– John David Kimes

Principal's Report (Mike Jacks)

Mike provided an update on his 3 goals for the year (enrollment, teacher effectiveness, and academic rigor).

Enrollment:

- Currently we have 122 total students – 23 Kindergartners which is double last year.
- We have new students in 1st and 5th grade.
- Jr. High lost 10 but he is aiming to reverse that trend.
- In an effort to keep students through 8th grade, Mike has been collaborating with NCC. For Spanish, on Thursdays, 3-4 NCC students plan the lesson and teach the lesson to 7th and 8th graders with the teachers still in the room assisting. NCC students also spend time at recess with our kids on Fridays. On Wednesdays, once a month, NCC students spend time with 3rd and 4th graders trying to target grades 3-5 to familiarize with Catholic High School. All of this is to promote Catholic High School and keep the students here at St. C through 8th grade.

Teacher Effectiveness:

- Mike is stressing teacher clarity and success criteria - making sure the teachers and students know the goals of the lessons. What does it look like to meet those goals? Mike gave some examples of how he is seeing this in practice with his teachers.
- Mike wants students to focus on the opportunity to fill in the blanks of what they are learning.

Academic Rigor:

- Focusing on how deep the knowledge goes and not more
- 1st Quarter Relationships: Focus on trust and rapport with the students, talk with students about nonacademic matters. Check Connect Colt process
- 2nd Quarter Differentiation: Figure out how to challenge all students from lowest of learners to highest of learners
- 3rd Quarter Expectation: Students will rise to a level of expectations. Teachers focus on holding students accountable and how they can reach their appropriate academic level
- 4th Quarter Options: Learn about ways we can incorporate choices in learning
- Mike passed out a paper copy of the new discipline outline COLT guidelines. He wants our feedback if there is any.
- Chess Club is going to happen a little differently than at first planned - it will be led by a teacher as an afterschool activity.

Religious Education Report (John David Kimes)

John David gave his background of what he did before coming to St. Catherine. He is excited to get started working with our parish. He really wants to bring his passion with the Theology of the Body to our parish. He will oversee the religious programs OCIA, CCD and Troops of St. George. He is hoping to get other faith formation programs together as well.

CCD Welcome Week and Open House is September 11th and the first Sunday of classes is the 18th. CCD is still in need of a few teachers and are looking into possibility combining classes for a while to get things started.

Info night for troops of St. George is September 13th. Troops of St. George will be open to all boys, even if they are not Catholic.

Evaluation/Planning Committee Report (Becky Schill)

New Member Orientation is Monday, September 12th. Jenny Collopy and Colleen Copenhaver will attend.

Becky is willing to take on the role as secretary as well. It goes along with the administrative duties and is easy enough to take on.

Policy Review Committee Report (Juliane Brown and Sarah Dinkelacker)

Pregnancy Policy is the last policy that we need to approve. Fr. Stef had given us a copy of the proposed policy at the last meeting. Discussions and feedback were given about the policy and Fr. Stef is going to take those into consideration and return with his proposed changes.

The BOCE Policies are posted in the newsletter and 29 families have filled in the form saying they read them. None have requested a paper copy. That will stay in the announcements for a few more weeks. The website has all updated BOCE information as well.

Public Relations/Marketing Committee Report (Jenny Collopy, Colleen Copenhaver, Jenny Tallarigo)

August minutes were approved.

Preschool Flyers were distributed for approval for this calendar year and Fr. Stef gave his approval and feedback. Other items will be tabled until the next meeting due to time.

Pastor's Report (Father Stef)

Down to 2 companies for the security systems, just waiting on the bids and they will choose and get that finished.

Pro-Life Mass is October 4th so Fr. Stef cannot make it to next month's meeting.

Representative Updates

PTO Update: Mum sale ends tomorrow. They are planning fundraising and fellowship events for the year. Dine to Donate nights are mostly once a month for the year.

Next meeting is on October 4, 2022

Closing Prayer: Julianne Brown

Adjournment: