**St. Catherine of Siena Board of Catholic Education**

**Minutes for Meeting of 5/02/2023**

Opening Prayer: A Board Members Prayer

Roll Call - Present: Jenny Tallarigo, Colleen Copenhaver, Jenny Collopy, Becky Schill, Sarah Dinkelacker and John David Kimes,

Absent: Mike Jacks, Juliane Brown, Fr. Stef, Doug Marx

**PR/Marketing Report: (Jenny Collopy, Colleen Copenhaver, Jenny Tallarigo)**

-Discussion about 4th of July Parade. We will put something on the announcements to see if anyone wants to head it up this year. If we don’t get a response maybe try for next year. It is a great culture building activity for the parish/school but we felt it didn’t do much as far as advertising standpoint to draw in new families.

-Colts Kudos – proposed to be all the 2nd grade teachers for all the work with First Communion.

-National Catholic Education Association has come out with new data. Pretty similar to last year’s report. Will be emailed to the board for review.

-Jenny C. is going to touch base with Mike regarding the issue of School Choice and how it might directly impact us and how we might want to keep our families in the loop on that issue.

-Discuss how the board/PTO can help new families feel more welcomed and informed on things going on in the school. We talked about getting the family “buddy” system back in place and making sure it happens. Maybe having the new parent meeting a little earlier.

-Jenny C. will look into getting the signs into yards before the start of the school year.

**Principal Report: (Becky for Mike)**

-This has been a great school year and the students are doing well.

-Completing spring MAP testing

-Auditions were held for next year’s junior high play, Suessical

-Two positions need to be filled

- Ms. Ashmore – this position will be transitioned into a Special Education Teacher.

- Mr. Lampe (Art) – this will stay the same – one day a week

-Our enrollment for next year is 115. Here is the breakdown: K- 16, Gr. 1- 12, Gr. 2- 11, Gr. 3- 12, Gr. 4- 16,

Gr. 5- 8, Gr. 6- 20, Gr. 7- 11, Gr. 8- 9

-First Holy communion was this past Sunday and went well.

-Confirmation is May 8th

-It is an honor to come to school and help teachers and students be their very best. I appreciate Fr. Stef's and this Board's support and partnership.

**Evaluation/Planning Committee Report: (Becky Schill)**

-Thanks for another great year. This is the last meeting of the year unless a June meeting needs to be called.

-Unsure if there were any nominations for BOCE – we were hoping for 2 so that we can have people on the board next year before any terms are up the following year.

**Religious Education Report: (John David Kimes)**

-John David reported on the success of Jesus Day, First Holy Communion and Our Lady’s Farm. John David sent a survey out for any feedback on the activities.

-Confirmation retreat is next week with Confirmation the following.

- John David is meeting with Fr. Stef, Mike and some teachers to discuss Family of Faith. Lots of discussions have been had about the best way forward for this program. Please email or call with any further questions or clarification needed.

**Policy Review Committee Report: (Sarah Dinkelacker/Juliane Brown)**

-Fr. Stef will complete the outstanding policies over the summer

**Pastor’s Report (Becky for Father Stef)**

-A new facilities manager has been hired to replace Dennis. His name is Don Grothaus.

**PTO Update:**

-Walkathon treats being provided to students and grandparents Friday

-Teacher appreciation treats and lunch 5/9 provided

-Flower sale @Ft Thomas Florist happening May 19-20th

-Olympic day snacks for kids being organized

-8th grade promotion gifts will be provided again this year

-Kona Ice last day of school again

Closing Prayer: John David Kimes

Adjournment: next meeting will be August or September depending on the needs.