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

**Minutes for Meeting of 11/08/2022**

Opening Prayer: A Board Members Prayer

Roll Call: Present: Mike Jacks, Juliane Brown, Jenny Tallarigo, Sarah Dinkelacker, Colleen Copenhaver, Jenny Collopy, John David Kimes Judy Newberry Becky Schill and Fr. Stef

Absent:

Excused:

**Principal’s Report (Mike Jacks)**

Open House is confirmed for Sunday, January 29th at 12:45 – approved by Fr. Stef. It will be an open house for all families, new and current. Fr. suggested to doing some sort of food. All the other ideas that were discussed at the last meeting were all good with Fr. Stef.

Mike reported on the security suggestions from Ted Edgington who performed a safety audit. Ted is a detective in Park Hills who has helped Covington Catholic deal with their security threats after the March for Life incident. The super intendant thought what was offered there should be offered to all the schools. He has been contracted out all the schools in the diocese to audit the security measures. He walked with Mike to give suggestions or kudos as he sees them. He was very complimentary of what we do have in place and gave our school a 98 out of 100. He likes the move to the new security system. He gave some suggestions that will be passed on to the Security Committee and anything that would be done will need input from Fr. Stef as well as his final approval for anything. Fr. Stef did give some comments about making sure we are aware of keeping it a warm welcoming feeling as well as keeping the grounds safe. We must be discriminating and loving at the same time.

Mike brought up the fact that a student came to him about the shorts dress code. The board came to a consensus that we are all in favor of changing the dress code so the students can wear shorts year-round if they choose. The board all agreed that Mike will share that new change with the students now and not wait until next year.

Mike reviewed the MAP results. He explained that it is a measurement of growth, not an achievement test. The main thing as a school will be to look at the winter results to be sure there is an increase in growth at that point. The higher they score in MAP the harder it is for them to show growth. The fall scores are a baseline for growth for the year. He is pleased with the scores for the school.

MAP and RTI all students are tested in reading and math then 2nd grade up is also tested in language. The tables show the national RTI which is a stable scale. The goal is that the RTI score goes up as the year progresses. Mike will watch for that after winter testing.

Mike looked at the new cut scores for Blue Ribbon. Right now we have 3 classrooms that are close to making that score. 4th, 5th ,7th, and 8th are close to getting that cut score. He would use the winter scores for the Blue Ribbon Application.

Mike addressed the cut off age for kindergarten students to make sure we are on the same page with the Policy as well as the handbook. Mike also is wanting to not offer the half day option for the kindergarten. We had no students use it last year and one student use it this year. Mike said there is a lot of research showing that full day kindergarten is most beneficial to students. In Policy 9 it is proposed that we take off the options for half day and certain days a week. Fr. Stef made it clear that there is always room for an exception depending on the circumstances. One concern was for the young students who might opt for the half day because they still need a nap. Mike confirmed that rest time will still be implemented for kindergarten.

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

Fr. Stef gave his approval for the marketing yard signs. Jenny explained that we were able to get individual donors for all of those. They will get them printed and distributed for people to put in their yards.

80 stickers and 40 signs that we already have are to be used for the Open House. Jenny T. will take care of getting the new stickers printed.

Questions were sent out to parents to get a new round of data needed for the actual questions that are needed for the Accreditation. We had a good response and Jenny will get that information to Mike.

Colleen reported the Colts Kudos – Ms. Coyle nominated Jenny Tallarigo as an outstanding parent volunteer.

Fr. Stef gave approval for the designs for the pre-school cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Juliane has been working on those for the whole year and will get any students who might need service hours to tie the candy canes.

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

John David passed out information about the Family of Faith program. He along with Fr. Stef are looking into possibly moving to this program for CCD. The biggest thinking behind possibly moving in this direction is family catechesis and engaging the parents in the catechesis of their children. The proposed new program would have a different structure which would empower the parents as well as allow for more flexibility.

Empowering Gods Children is a course that is required by the diocese for schools and CCD programs. More info to come on that.

John David would like to begin to revise and update the policies for CCD. The attendance policy is the one that needs to be addressed first. We need some flexibility with attendance while putting the responsibility on the parents to teach the lessons that were missed.

John David is planning something for an advent program but will be a little different than years past.

Theology of the Body Course will be beginning in February. 8 week course.

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

October minutes were approved.

**Policy Review Committee Report (Juliane Brown and Sarah Dinkelacker)**

Will be helping John David with updating the CCD policies.

**Pastor’s Report (Father Stef)**

Still working on the Pregnancy Policy.

Fr. reported that he sent the contract for the new security system to the Diocese and the attorneys will write up the actual contract and then get everything signed. All camera placement and key card placement have been discussed and decided on. If we need to make any additional changes for the key cards then it wouldn’t be a huge issue or expense to add it in the future.

**Representative Updates**

PTO Update: Chili Cook off was well attended and everything went well. Halloween Dance was successful.

Buskin sale for Thanksgiving is coming up.

Next meeting is on December 6, 2022

Closing Prayer: Mike Jacks

Adjournment