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

**Minutes for Meeting of 10/03/2023**

Opening Prayer: Board Members prayer

Roll Call: Present: Mike Jacks, Juliane Brown, Father Stef, Becky Schill, Sarah Dinkelacker, Colleen Copenhaver, Molly Geiger, Mike Ruwe, Michael Schuh,

Absent: Jenny Collopy, Doug Marx

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

September meeting Minutes were approved.

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

-Fact Sheet info is still coming in and working on completing that.

-The committee will work on getting Colts Kudos back in the bulletin every month. Colleen will ask teachers for updated quotes from the school children about going to school at St. Catherine.

-The idea of having a promotional video for St. Catherine was brought up. We talked about possibly having a virtual tour of the school. Maybe having older students or parishioner parents who have that ability to do it. Possibly as a school project.

-Preschool flyers will be distributed again this year and we added in 3 new schools – Care Bear Day Care, Angels in Training and Kings Kids.

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

-Final approval given for Policy 2.0

**Principal’s Report (Mike Jacks)**

Mike gave an update on his goals:

1 –Intervention Specialist, Bre Johnson is about ¾ of the way through meeting with all ALP students and their parents. She has reached out to public schools to make sure what she is doing aligns with the standards they set. She is very pro-active and doing a great job.

2 – Promote the parish focus of forming parents as the primary educators, evangelizers and formation of their children in the faith. Home/School Connection is going well and will send out October soon.

3 – Use of Data to drive instruction – finishing up MAP testing and will be able to share data on that next month. The scores help teachers to understand exactly what they aren’t getting on a certain topic so they can address those specific issues.

W.I.N. (What I Need) time is for the teachers to take time to dig into these topics they need help or a deeper dive into it. Teachers set aside time daily Monday – Thursday for WIN.

4 – Cultivate critical thinking and curiosity in students –

1. KWL Chart – (What do I know? What do I want to know? What have I learned?) Begins introduction to learning that students can complete. If students question learning before learning about the topic it is proven that they digest the information better. Getting kids to be curious about the topic helps. Making the chart helps before a lesson. This gives the teachers a roadmap of sorts and gets the students more engaged.
2. Blooms Taxonomy – a level of questioning that teachers can use to spark curiosity and help figure where each student falls in the rating of learning.
3. Begin a lesson with a question – helps to spark curiosity and focus in the topic
4. Friday Genius Time – students get to dive into different topics and subjects.

5 – Promote collaboration in academic areas with the teachers – Mike created - Campbell County North Professional Learning Community which is a network of teachers in the area that feed into NCC. Kindergarten teachers from St Thomas, St. Terese, Holy Trinity and St. Catherine met here. They had talking points ahead of time to share ideas about classroom topics and ideas. Holy Trinity hosted the 1st Grade teachers meeting. St. Thomas is hosting 2nd Grade. Mike has received very positive feedback and the teachers really found it beneficial.

We are getting a new third grade student next week so our total enrollment is now 116

On the Radar: 10/12 End of the first Quarter, 10/13 No School, 10/20 Grandparents Day, 10/23 Report Cards Sent Home, 10/24 Donuts with Principal, 10/26 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 10/31 All Hallow’s Eve, 11/1 All Saints Day – no school

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

-First meeting of Loreto went well. 45 total Families enrolled – 80 students and 70 parents. There are a lot of younger catechists this year which has gone over very well. Next meeting is 10/18 and All Saints Event after masses on 10/29.

-Kenosis – Youth Discipleship 16-20 students have participated regularly. John David is trying to figure out a better way to get more of the public school kids to attend.

John David is working on bringing Totus Tuus here to the Diocese. It is a week-long summer program. This year will be a pilot year working with the Arch Diocese of Cincinnati who will organize the missionaries.

**Pastor’s Report (Father Stef)**

Passed out some financial information about the parish. He wants to have a conversation at the next meeting in regards to school tuition and how to move forward. The total expenses of the school outweigh the income and there needs to be a long-term solution. The parish is subsidizing the school far more than any other school he knows about. He has been talking to Finance Committee with this and will bring this to Parish Council as well.

**PTO Update:**

 -PTO contributed $3,000 for the new STEAM program this year

 -Fundraising total from 2022-2023 school year - $8,497.49

 -Next dine to donate is October 17th at Noodles and Co.

 -Halloween Dance October 27th

Next meeting is on November 7, 2023

Closing Prayer: Juliane Brown

Adjournment