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

**Minutes for Meeting of 11/07/2023**

Opening Prayer: Board Members prayer

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

Absent: Doug Marx

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

New Committee members will join the following committees:

Mike Ruwe – Evaluation/Planning and serve as secretary

Michael Schuh – Policy Review

Molly Geiger – Marketing/PR

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

-Fact Sheet is being worked on

-Mrs. Lorenz is working on the Colts Quotes

-NCC students are going to work on a promo video.

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

-We will remove the notice about the change of the age of admission policy

-When the Diocese is finished working on the policies, we will review ours and make sure they are in line with what we have.

**Principal’s Report (Mike Jacks)**

Mike reviewed the MAP scores for the school. Blue Ribbon looks at grades 3-8 Reading and Math. We were under the cut scores for the fall but have opportunity for growth the rest of the year. (See attached document for details)

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

Overall John David is very happy with the direction of Family catechesis. Loreto evenings are going very well, the next one is tomorrow. He is open to feedback in any direction. CHOSEN will be used for the 8th grade class for confirmation.

Kenosis/Youth Group – is going well. He is using teaching from Theology of the Body.

Altar Guild – hoping to launch in the coming months. To help the servers but to also dive deeper into the mass and nomenclature of the mass.

**Pastor’s Report (Father Stef)**

Finance Committee has been working on the numbers and what it might look like to increase tuition based on the financials. The committee discussed and these were some key points:

-Inflation is so high that it makes sense that we would have an increase

-Salaries and operating expenses have grown significantly faster than tuition

-We are significantly lower than other schools in the area so it makes sense

-Talked about the option of having a multi child discount with the increase

-Registration Fee – possibly explain what that actually goes to – off sets costs for materials at the school

-Scholarships – discussed if there are any currently in place. Mike shared the idea of a program where a parishioner could “adopt” a student and help to pay tuition.

Stewardship Drive for the parish will be starting in the next few weeks.

Mass Change of one mass on Sunday at 10:00 am

**PTO Update:**

Didn’t meet in November

Next meeting is on December 5, 2023

Closing Prayer: Jenny Collopy

Adjournment