

St. Catherine of Siena Board of Catholic Education
Minutes for Meeting of 3/2/2021

Opening Prayer:

Roll Call: Present: Father Stef, Julie Scherer, Kip Perkins, Carol Smith, Nancy Browning, Judy Newberry, Jen Kirst, Gwen Fields, Raymond Schlosser, Sarah Weinel, Ashley Cox , Becky Schill
Absent: Kip Perkins Excused:

Pastor's Report (Fr. Stef)

Father commented on sharing the technology wish list and needing more specifics from the list for the finance committee in time for the meeting the fourth week of this month. Julie will send the list.

Principal's Report (Julie Scherer)

Teaches received the second Covid vaccine shot. We have hired a new Kindergarten teacher, Allison Seissiger, starting March 15th. She is currently serving as a long term sub at St. Henry. We currently have 118 students registered for next year. There are some families still making a decision.

Religious Education Report (Kip Perkins)

Kip is out tonight. Nancy is trying to get a report from him.

Evaluation/Planning Committee Report (Nancy Browning)

Nancy distributed a list reviewing the goals we set at the start of the year for each committee. Nancy wanted to revive the attempt to organize the ad hoc committee on the Middle School Focus Committee. She proposed having the Principal, a teacher, and two parents to be at the core of the committee. Discussion included a parent whose child stayed through 8th grade and one whose child left for another middle school. PTO is interested in supporting this committee. The board was in consensus and with the goal of having an initial meeting by the end of March. Father suggested we reach out to Lisa Wormald (sp?) to see what had been done a few years ago that was so successful at retaining the middle school students.

The goals of the Policy Review Committee are still a work in progress with hopes that this can still be completed before the close of this year.

Public Relations committee has met most of the goals with perhaps the review of the PR goals from the firm hired last year. We were very strong on goal 2 especially with the creation of the snippet in the bulletin.

Policy Review Committee Report (Gwen Fields, Raymond Schlosser)

Policy 8.0 Student Pregnancy Policy. Father wanted to try to come up with language that creates more balance between the how the policy applies to both male and female students and be more inclusive in the language. (Share NDA's policy with father, Julie, Gwen.)

Policy 15 School Play Policy– Julie would recommend that we remove this policy as a board and treat it as any other extra curricular.

Policy 12 Service Hours– Julie raised the policy and the issue of the difference between students in CCD versus school student. Father wanted to move away from any direct connection to confirmation and make it an issue more related to the general formation of the student and their Christian life.

Raymond raised the issue of the number of hours being more than the norm and the difficulty in finding hours in some categories, especially during the Covid shutdowns. Ashley raised the question of perhaps more group service projects being a possibility. (Raymond will supply information from NDA on how service is factored in academically and regarding hours required at St Henry etc.) Father, Kip, and Julie will coordinate on further revisions. Raymond proposed and there was agreement that the service experience be more incorporated into both the CCD and school religion curricula.

Approval of February Minutes. Approved as submitted.

Public Relations/Marketing Committee Report (Ashley Cox, Sarah Weinel)

Ashley and Sarah had responded during the goal review. BOCE snippet went out with some second grade quotes and will be second grade again as first communion is coming up. Discussion of how to use the Stable for input on middle school and it was decided that perhaps

Representative Updates

PTO Update: (Jenn Kirst)

PTO met twice this month. Julie met with the PTO at one of the meetings to explain the MAP testing. Fund raising is now at around \$5,000. The father/daughter dance wasn't a fund raiser this year, but was a great bonding experience. There will be a Buskin Bakery fund raiser for Easter. They are planning a mother/student dance. Father asked if they could promote the parish winter fund raiser.

Finance Update Report:

No report.

Pastoral Council Update: (Judy Newberry)

They met in February. There are three new members. Wade is the new chair. In hopes of having a live festival, we are exploring moving the date from June to August.

Faculty Update: (Carol Smith),

Junior high teachers are interviewing 8th graders for what are their interests and high school plans. They will be spotlighted for a while on the wall and the other students pray for them especially. The students are preparing for Four H speech competition.

We will meet in May next.

Adjournment:

Closing Prayer: Sarah