

St. Catherine of Siena Board of Catholic Education
Minutes for Meeting of 10/6/2020

Opening Prayer: Kip Perkins

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

Pastor's Report (Fr. Stef)

Report via Nancy that Mike Clines is no longer superintendent of schools for the diocese of Covington and Kendra Williams has moved from being the associate to the superintendent.

Principal's Report (Julie Scherer)

We have no positive cases of Covid 19. We had one student quarantined because of a family member. Currently 8 students are doing at home learning. Most are expected to return to classes in the second quarter.

Those who participate in the summer lunch program funded in response to the pandemic, it has extended and expanded through December (or until federal funding runs out) allowing free lunch for all students and for local community members to obtain a lunch if they preorder. It allows free snacks as well. We are not allowed to have volunteers or have teachers help doing lunch because of Covid.

We have expanded our Wifi bandwidth. The CARES money that was planned is now tied up because of changes in how the money was to be allotted changing from the whole school population to funding proportional to the number of students on Free and Reduced lunch.

MAPP testing is completed and it went well with the technology. Results will be shared as well as normal sharing of student progress at the coming parent/teacher conferences. Winter sports are going to be allowed. We are working out the details, especially with other schools in Campbell county that we mainly play.

Religious Education Report (Kip Perkins)

Confirmation went well. Kip commended Father Stef's role as well as the work Theresa is doing. CCD is doing well. Currently we have about 120 students in the CCD program.

Evaluation/Planning Committee Report (Nancy Browning)

Technology wish list goal– Julie is working on a list including a cycle for updating Chromebooks. We need to update our SMART boards and projectors. Some are not functioning reliably any longer due to their age.

Middle Focus Committee– Sarah felt we need to research what St. Catherine wants and reach out to other local schools to discover what they may be thinking regarding retaining students in the middle school grades.

Policy Review Committee Report (Gwen Fields, Raymond Schlosser)

Policy 2 Admissions. Father Stef had some revisions about the grouping and processes for different grade levels for points 1-4 about the order of preference for admissions.

There were additions in point 6. We will look at in its final form again next month.

Policy 4 FEES and Tuition had many changes from Father Stef regarding the definition of an active parishioners. Julie had some questions about the relationship between FACTS and being a registered student and whether or not it fits under the heading and how that fits in the registration order of students. We will table this until we have worked out the relationship between the two.

Policy 4.2 Student Records Approved by board as revised. 10/6/2020.

Policy 5 Promotion Julie would like to look at this again with the faculty to get their input before we finalize this for father's final approval.

Policy 6 Approved as revised. 10/6/2020

Policy 7 Father Stef had made a few comments to try to locate either diocesan or civil law reference as part of the policy.

Policy 12 Father Stef wanted to look at the relationship between service and specific sacraments. We also wanted to look at including summer months and the tie to promotion.

Minutes for September approved as revised.

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

Sarah just found out that what we wanted a brief message about the school activities to be included in the Bulletin, but there wasn't going to be space this time for her "Colts Kudos." There was also concern expressed about having just the school news in the bulletin but not other parish committee reports. We will approach father Stef again about trying again and maybe asking if it can be an insert page instead.

There was a brief meeting on working to organize the Facebook parent group page.

Representative Reports

Jenn Kirst (PTO):

PTO met twice. We are up to about \$2,300 in fund raising. The flower sale was a big success. They are looking a ways to support faculty members. They are working on the St. Catherine's 101 information booklet. They have a number of entries and are working on refining the wording. The Open House and dance(s) are not going to happen because of Covid so they are looking a ways to come up with some alternatives.

Judy Newberry (Pastoral Council):

Met 9/17. The finance report to the council raised concern about the Sunday collections being down in general and especially as a result of Covid and the decline in attendance. The new finance manager is doing well. We are gearing up for the stewardship drive. Kickoff will be November 7. The website for the drive is under construction for this year. The goal will be \$1.1 million. Father reported on the parish video rosary and was pleased with the turnout.

Father can resume hospital visits except to Covid patients. Parish Council is also down two members.

We did not get a finance report.

Carol Smith (Faculty):

Ron Browning had a Google Meet to discuss conservation issues. The language arts classes are doing pen pal projects and iMovie projects.

Adjournment:

Closing Prayer: Nancy

The November meeting will be cancelled because it will fall on election day.