

St. Catherine of Siena Board of Catholic Education
Minutes for Meeting of 08/04, 2020

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, Absent: Excused:

Pastor's Report (Fr. Stef)

Membership on the board needs to be filled out as the board will have three members (Nancy, Gwen, Raymond) who will complete their second terms this year. Father asked for any nominations. Father will speak to finance committee to have some manner of a report from the finance committee to the board in lieu of Jennifer Kirst being an ex-officio report because of her connection via her husband. Father wanted to say he had connected with an agency that will send us a counselor to give a presentation to the teachers about the emotional health of children relative to the pandemic.

Principal's Report (Julie Scherer)

There were recent revisions to the Covid re-opening plan. We are finalizing plans for at home learning. The academic planning should be helped by adopting MAPP testing this year. It will be administered 3 times this year. The first test should help to evaluate where students are following the NTI learning last spring. These tests are computer based and adaptive to the responses of the student. Teachers are also intending to spend extra effort to evaluate where students are in their retention of material after NTI last spring. The MAPP testing will also allow better tracking over the year. Our support teacher will also focus on if there might be any gaps. All the faculty is in the process of becoming Google Educator certified. PD is also being focused on differentiation. We are also looking at PD with respect to the reports etc. associated with MAPP testing. The diocese sets the different calendar windows for the testing.

Julie passed out a list of faculty and staff. The art teacher who was hired has decided to decline the position.

Enrollment is currently 135 including at home learners. This is down slightly because of the large graduation class last year. The projected number of students has been stable over the summer. Father Stef expressed concern for the long term regarding the enrollment.

The junior high play is on hold to some degree. There was discussion about possible online alternatives of some sort if it becomes necessary.

Sports are still on hold as per the diocese's regulations. Principals are meeting again tomorrow. Our boosters have been advocating for sports but have been understanding in light of the pandemic.

Religious Education Report (Kip Perkins)

Kip mostly followed the general St. Catherine Covid plan but made some adaptations specific to the CCD needs. We will look at what sort of self-reporting will be need for students to attend. Father expressed that our procedures related to Covid should protect instructional time. We are also looking to be creative meeting community and parish service hours since many of the normal activities probably won't happen. One suggestion for parish hours was to help sanitize the pews after mass.

Evaluation/Planning Committee Report (Nancy Browning)

We had covered membership and terms in the handout.

Each committee was given an outline for creating goals for this year. She asked that each committee member return by next week a draft of what they intend to do.

Policy Review Committee Report (Gwen Fields, Raymond Schlosser)

March minutes were approved as revised.

Policy 12: Community link listed that a specific link that might go dark would refer to a posting on the website. Policy 12 approved as revised.

Policy 13: There were no changes needed. Approved

Policy 14: Julie had suggested changes to cover early drop off. The policy revision changed title to cover student supervision at any time of the day. E.g. students will not be dropped off until a school staff member is present.

Policy 16: Approved as revised,

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

No Report

Representatives

Jennifer: PTO has arranged "buddy" families for the 9 new families with children in school for the first time. They are still looking at fund raising opportunities. They purchased 174 lanyards to attach masks. They are encouraging volunteers who are Virtus certified to help in whatever way needed. Finance met in June they will finalize the budget.

Judy: Parish Council Update: They approved the budget of the finance committee. We are looking at hiring a new finance manager. They have been working on succession plans for those who will be moving off the council.

Carol: Teachers wanted to ask that the CCD teachers be sure to sanitize the rooms on Sunday so they would be ready Monday morning. Kip said that was on his agenda to discuss with his teachers.

Adjournment:

Closing Prayer: