

St. Catherine of Siena Board of Catholic Education
Minutes for Meeting of 11/05/2019

Opening Prayer: Raymond

Roll Call: Present: Father Stef, Julie Scherer, Theresa Broering, Carol Smith, Nancy Browning, Judy Newberry, Jen Kirst, Raymond Schlosser, Sarah Weinel , Absent: Ashley Cox Excused: Gwen Fields (play practice)

Pastor's Report (Fr. Stef)

The small faith groups are doing well. Father Stef was pleased with the letter that went out to parents regarding the explanation of the blue ribbon as far as St. Catherine was concerned. He was also pleased with the student's preparation for All Saints.

Principal's Report (Julie Scherer)

Quarter 1 ended and we had parent meetings. Sign ups were on line and more parents signed up. All of the grades are now using the Sycamore grading program. Dec. 7 will be our showcase. The 6th grade academic showcase will be hosted by St. Catherine this year. Junior high shadowing is underway and going well. There has been positive feedback from the 5th graders. The shadows are in pairs. We are hoping that more of the students will end up staying for the 6th grade. It is mostly our Fort Thomas families that move to Highlands. We did have two families who moved into Fort Thomas last year so their students could attend Highlands. Sarah asked about which students tend to stay or go and what their motives are so we can target the marketing. There was a general discussion of what has happened over the years and why and what St. Catherine has as its strengths to focus on for the PR. We currently have more non-Fort Thomas families than we have Fort Thomas families. We will collect information on where our 5th grades and 8th grades have gone to school after leaving St. Catherine's. Julie met with other local grade school and the folks from NCC and Kendra Williams on retention and promoting continuing at NCC.

The new enrichment program with Miss Ashmore is working out well and parents have contributed positive feedback about the program.

Julie is moving forward with the marketing communications and is coming up with a plan She shared a draft plan sent from Mike Gill at Headlights. The idea of the plan is to get as much as possible done before Christmas so that we can be ready for the registration process. Julie will respond with our ideas and build a final plan with Mr. Gill.

Religious Education Report (Kip Perkins)

CCD going well. There will be an advent program coming up. The NET team did a great job. Our sports teams will not practice on nights when there is a NET presentation.

Evaluation/Planning Committee Report (Nancy Browning)

No report this month.

Policy Review Committee Report (Gwen Fields, Raymond Schlosser)

Minutes for October approved.

Policy 6-Julie tried to find some other school policies. She started a general search and then focused on Catholic Schools. St. Thomas had four categories that could cause students to be suspended. Immaculate Heart of Mary sports committee/boosters policy was to provide a roster at the start of each month and then the faculty and principal would notify who would not be eligible. Julie would like to have a policy in place and one that would be applied evenly. There was concern in particular how it would work with the play since that involves a long term commitment. Julie would like to see a specific time frame of when the eligibility would be determined. Nancy proposed that Gwen, Carol, and Julie meet at a convenient time to fine tune the policy and bring it back in a final form.

Policy 7- Julie wanted further clarification of what would constitute a “probable cause” of reasonable cause. From other schools she found “reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence that the student is violating the law, board policy, or other diocesan or school policy.”

For the By Laws: The consensus we should develop the bylaws assuming a president and secretary as the officers.

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

Ashley was not present and Sarah felt her report and her questions had been dealt with in other discussions tonight.

PTO we have another meeting scheduled. The Chili cook off went very well. There was a plan to make a more private Facebook page to exchange information. Father has to approve any public social media site and the diocese has policies on social media. Julie expressed that she would be inclined to want to moderate. The question is the difference between trying to have a public presence versus a more private page for internal news for day-to-day information.

Finance report committee liaison: Jen

The stewardship campaign is underway. They have done some very good materials for this campaign. We are currently \$25,000 behind our budget projections for the year to date.

Pastoral Counsel liaison: Judy

Pastoral Counsel is also hard at work on the stewardship campaign. There was a discussion about how the online site was functioning.

Faculty- Carol

Red Ribbon week just wrapped up and various events took place. It was planned mostly be the eighth graders. The junior high shadowing has gone well from the faculty point of view. The junior high play, Once Upon A Mattress, is coming up.

Adjournment:

Closing Prayer: