



## **School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Present: Anne Joseph, Dan Hemsworth, Melita Biese, Pam Kallas, Lori Suarez, Ron Skelton, Jim Jawarowicz, Fr Paul Portland, Jessica Kolbe, Colleen Pashke, Darrel Jacobs, Claire Dohmen, Jean Baley

Excused: Fr. Philip Bogacki, Dave Protherow

Meeting called to order by Dan Hemsworth at 5:46 pm

1. Prayer
2. Approval of October minutes by Jessica Kolbe, and second by Claire Dohmen
3. Approval of November agenda by Melita Biese, and second by Pam Kallas
4. Guests introduced – None
5. Pastoral Designate Report
  1. Fr. Paul was quarantined until 11/17/20. Has been feeling well. Contact with Lori has been via phone.
5. Principal Report
  1. Carrie (ELA Professional Development Instructor) worked with teachers and had Zoom meetings with each of them last week. Each teacher met with her individually for 30 minutes to help them. Lori was able to work as a sub in each classroom to cover the teachers at this time. It was noted that the kids in the classes K5-5<sup>th</sup> were eager to show off their writing. Good improvements have been made since the beginning of the school year. Lori is pleased with the positive results that have been seen.
  2. Home and School Association met last week. Some families joined the meeting virtually. Pie sale was successful. HSA raised over \$2700 with that fundraiser. No fundraisers or events upcoming in the near future.
  3. There has been a shortage of substitute teachers currently, so Lori has been filling in when needed.
  4. Mural update: Ideas for new phrase was sent out to last year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Lori heard back from a few students and the majority chose the phrase "Love Has No Color". Brian from maintenance repainted the background and Lori and Brian painted the new phrase on the mural. This information has been communicated to families via the newsletter.
  5. Covid update: As of today a middle school student tested positive today. Lori working to contact families to notify them. Closing both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade

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classrooms and those students will be virtual until Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Two classrooms have previously gone virtual earlier this year, and things went well with the virtual platform for the students. Teachers all need to be prepared to switch to virtual at any time and have been encouraged to share those plans with parents. Christmas vacation is supposed to start 12/23, but the plan is to go virtual 12/21 and 12/22. This will help with communication to families for any holiday plans. Lori stated that the school threshold for positive cases is 7.5, so if there are that many students then the school will go to full virtual. At this time we will continue to just close individual classrooms. Lori is encouraging families that are going to travel at Thanksgiving to go virtual for a time after they return. She has already had some input from families that they are planning to do that, and she will communicate this suggestion to all families to try to keep risks lower.

6. Video updates for the school: Lori will make a video
6. Sub-Committee reports
  - a. Finance
    - i. No meeting yet in November
  - b. Communication and Marketing
    - i. Meeting tomorrow
  - c. Strategic Planning
    - i. Lori has the teachers working on the Academics portion and the Leadership portion. The Strategic Planning committee is beginning to look at the technology plan. For accreditation, they would like us to have a plan in place. Two main focuses, the first will be the technology tools (computer lab computers, chrome books, etc) that we have in the building need to have a plan for when things will be replaced. Second focus will be determining what skills we would like the students to leave with when starting high school. Lori has some information about what skills are needed for each student by grade and the group will work on this. Lori is working with Air Tech about upgrading/replacing the technology in the school. Next meeting in January.
7. Old Business
  - a. Mural information discussed above.
8. New Business
  - a. None
9. Announcements
  - a. Next meeting December 16<sup>th</sup> and 5:45 pm.
10. Motion to adjourn by Claire Dohmen at 6:23 pm and seconded by Jean Baley.

Minutes submitted by Anne Joseph

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