

School Advisory Board Meeting

10 November 2020

Board Members:

Those Present: Beth Henney, Pat McJoynt-Griffith, Jamie Caridi, Marin Santorsola, Ginna Springer, Mandy Deweese, Sharon Stranges, Mark Watts, Father Dury, Rene Scurlock, Trish Schindler, Brendan O'Rourke. Via Zoom: David Bourke, Jennifer Hadden, Nathan Allwein, Kevin Sweeney

Those Absent: none

Others Present: Preschool Director, Christie Deberson, Kitty Quinn - Assistant Superintendent of Elementary schools for the Diocese of Columbus, John Goodwin - School Enhancement Coordinator, Hope Stebelton, Rene Scurlock (teachers)

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Fr. Dury commenced the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting started with approval of the minutes from the September meeting.

Father Dury

- Father gave credit to Mark Watts and to the teachers as they continue to keep our kids safe in tough times and community COVID numbers increasing.
- Advent Penance service for school kids will be Dec. 1 (morning and afternoon)
- Inclusion Mass will be Nov. 22 at 5:00 pm. Bishop Brennan will be here as well as other SPICE programs from around the Diocese.
- Thanks to all involved with the upcoming SPICE dinner, esp. the Santorsolas!
- Elevator is a running. Full access for students and janitors as well.
- Father gave an update on the mass schedule for Christmas.
- Offertory is going up and masses have overflow.

Principal's Report:

- Tier II model will continue for now (reevaluating every four weeks), esp. given the increased level of spread in the community, and the limited staff, however schools have demonstrated that school can be done in a safe manner.
- The school is still adding ways to mitigating risk (e.g. air purifiers in rooms)
- Finding subs continues to be problematic, but thus far, the school has had only one day with more than one teacher out at same time. Latchkey people have been repurposed to sub. Other ways to increase the number of subs and staff were discussed. There is thought about splitting the technology and algebra positions and to add a new algebra teacher.
- The suggestion was made to create a master-list of available subs within the parent community and beyond.
- Mark mentioned that the school is reaching out to some of the colleges via the HandShake system for job postings. Many possible subs prefer to go to the public school due to pay (current rate is \$85/day at Catholic Schools)
- A discussion on the additional dollars needed to fund the staffing needs ensued. The board wanted to be sure the needs of the virtual families

(currently eight families are fully virtually) - as well as at the additional students in self-quarantine due to potential COVID exposure.

- Mark introduce Kitty Quinn, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools for the Diocese of Columbus
- Kitty spoke to the role of Catholic School advisory boards.
 - Boards should talk about the “whys” and the “vision”.
 - Key responsibilities include:
 - Setting goals and making policy (handbooks)
 - Approve the budget and monitor finances
 - Sponsor and participate in activities
 - Selection and evaluation of administrator
 - Self-evaluation and review of internal life
 - Information sharing and consultation.
 - Responsibilities do not include:
 - Cases involving individual students or teachers
 - Regulations or specifics of day-to-day operation
 - Parents not on board can speak at meetings, but they need to contact the board president in advance of the meeting. Meetings are open to all.
 - Reviewed “Code of Ethics for Catholic School Board Members”
 - Kitty thanked the board for the chance to speak.

Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee Report:
 - The October and November reports were discussed along with budget that was submitted to the Diocese.
 - The goal was to reduce financial commitment from parish is being met this year, largely due to the retirement of some more tenured teachers.
 - We budgeted for 250 students and have currently 256. Some families are requiring extra need but the school and parish are doing well thanks to great support from parishioners.
- Public Relations Committee Report:
 - We are adding still new students; last week two were added in 5th grade. We lost one in Kindergarten due to relocation, which is now at 35 kids, the maximum for first grade.
 - We had nine Bexley families come over this year (15 students)
 - We will not have an open house this year. A high-quality video will be done instead.
 - The possible future enrollment in kindergarten was also discussed. We will likely have solid enrollment for next year.
 - The 8th grade class of 27 will be graduating. This could lead to an overall enrollment of 264 for next year, depending on how many of the new families go back to their home public schools.

Next meeting: 12/15/20

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kevin Sweeney