

# School Advisory Board Meeting

## 12 December 2020

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### **Board Members:**

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

Those Absent: none

### **Others Present:**

Preschool Director, Christie Deberson, Hope Stepelton, Rene Scurlock (teachers), Michelle Santuomo (parent)

### **Proceedings:**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.*

*Fr. Dury commenced the meeting with a prayer.*

*The meeting started with approval of the minutes from the November meeting.*

### **Father Dury**

- Father reported that the Advent Penance Service for students went well.
- Father asked that we keep Monsignor Sorahan and Father Reis in our prayers.
- Each family received a Spiritual Care Package via school (red boxes) to be passed on to a person of the family's choice who might benefit from its contents (also passed out at Sunday masses)
- The Gratitude Tree in the foyer of the Adoration Chapel was discussed. Ribbons will be placed on the tree from families and students representing things they are grateful for.
- Father expressed his gratitude for work of teachers and Mr. Watts.
- The Mass of Inclusion went well with good attendance (in person and online.)

### **Principal's Report:**

- Mark thanked the community for the prayers for his Mother-in-law who passed recently from COVID –related complications.
- Ribbons for Gratitude Tree will be passed out to students soon.
- Enrollment: new 7<sup>th</sup> grader to start in January
- The school is currently three students away from being “COVID – full” (one slot in each of grades 2, 5, and 7.
- Retention end enrollment for next year is now the focus.
- No changes in COVID cases as of today.
- Subs are working well. A number of people have inquired. e.g. last Monday three teachers were out, another day, 5 staff members were out and things continued without missing a beat. Other schools are going remote due to staffing issues.
- 3 hours/day hybrid plan working well still and will be the model next semester.
- Mrs. Green will be back from maternity leave soon.
- Andrea Annetta has been hired as new Algebra teacher.
- Dates: First Penance - Sat. Jan 23, First Communion - Sat. April 24, Confirmation, Sat. May 15 (Bishop's participation tbd)

- The Confirmation retreat is still being worked out. Likely on-site, 1 day in the first week of May.
- Mark presented the Office of Catholic Schools Legislative Action Network. They are calling for designated school community leaders (Legislative Action Leaders) to be “actively involved in helping to build the network within their own school community, while also coordinating and engaging in legislative activity at the state level.” Interested Board Members should indicate their desire to be involved to Mark.
- Mark is looking for parent involvement and help with faith-formation activities (e.g. trip to DC, retreats, pilgrimages, etc.) in the coming years. The idea is to create experiences within the school year that are aligned with the school’s mission. This includes fundraising and planning events, volunteering as chaperones, etc.
- Q: Thoughts about additional aides in some of the classrooms with need? A: Being discussed. Still processing applications for the one position not yet filled (KG slot). Three of the PT aids are new and are work is still being done to targets/utilized their capacity the best way possible.
- Q: How are we doing with respect to volunteers for sub positions? A: cafeteria might be a place where volunteers could be used. Some parents have gone through the sub process
- Q: Travel quarantines for families who travel to hotspots? Yes, this is in place as per CDC’s guidelines.
- Q: Will there be snow days? A: Yes! For all involved.

Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee Report:
  - No report given.
  - The 6 mon. budget variance report will be given at the Feb. meeting and then preliminary budget scenarios will be discussed in March.
  - Tuition for 2021-2022 will be discussed at the April meeting.
- Public Relations Committee Report:
  - No report given.

No new business.

Next meeting: Jan. 12, 2021

*Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Kevin Sweeney*