

# School Advisory Board Meeting

## 9 March 2021

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**Board Members Present (via Zoom):** Beth Henney, Pat McJoynt-Griffith, Jamie Caridi, Marin Santorsola, Mark Watts, Trish Schindler, Father Dury, David Bourke, Kevin Sweeney, Jennifer Hadden.

**Those Absent:** Nathan Allwein, Mandy Deweese, Brendan O'Rourke

**Others Present:**

Preschool Director Christy Deberson , Hope Stebelton, Renee Scurlock (teachers);  
Michelle Santuomo, Jimmy Ference, Katie Ference (parents)

**Proceedings:**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.*

*Mr. Watts commenced the meeting with a prayer.*

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

**Father Dury**

- Fall in-person learning coming soon - thanks to new guidelines and vaccines. Father is grateful to work done by Mr. Watts and task force.
- Father reported that he will greatly miss his St. Catharine Parish family as he prepares to move to St. John Newman on July 13. Replacement has been determined and will be named by the Bishop soon.

**Principal's Report:**

- Reopening is happening with a focus on safety. Specific schedules are being worked on now.
- Two on staff will now be helping out with IEPs part time: Molly Kim and Rachel Green, both certified learning specialists.
- Lunch staffing post-reopening is still an issue to be resolved.
- Mark addressed some concerns about reopening with the rationale behind reopening. He indicated that he future decisions will continue to be based on specific guidelines for schools and local conditions.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Finance Committee Report:**
  - Pat reviewed the current (2020-21) budget with a close eye on latchkey and cafeteria costs. Overall assessment is that we are doing quite well budget-wise this year.
  - Pat reviewed 2021-22 budget assumptions. Still working with 255 enrollment in school, 62 in preschool (full). Still some concern about enrollment for next year, esp. as we have fewer and fewer non-parish, non-Catholic students who pay full tuition.
  - Some early assumptions made: 3% change in tuition, slight increase in 4<sup>th</sup>-child tuition, 5% health-care increase, 1.5% increase in payroll.
  - Some COVID grants for Preschool is helping as well.
  - Will work to computerize the tuition worksheet and make more efficient
  - Parish commitment to be reduced ca. \$20k next year.
  - This is preliminary, next month a more-detailed final recommendation budget will be provided.

- Pat (and Christy) reported that the school is currently doing a tuition comparison.
- Public Relations Committee Report:
  - No report.
- New Business:
  - Jamie reviewed the term start/end dates for Board members and has asked individual board members to confirm their information.
  - Notices for School Board Nominations will be sent out in April. Three positions will be filled for Jamie, Mandy, Ginna.

Next meeting: April 13, 2021

*Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Kevin Sweeney*