

School Committee Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2022 / 6:30 PM / Zoom

ATTENDEES

Members Present: Linda Cooney, Kristina Watters, Erin Murphy, Kate Morgan, Jeremy Blackwood, Liz Albright, Joe Schueller, Amy Warren, Andrew

*Prayer- Linda Cooney

*St. Joseph Catholic School Mission Statement- Linda Cooney

AGENDA

Sub Committee Reports

Technology

- Purchasing Clevertouch boards for classrooms

PR & Development

- Erin started to work on pictures for display but likely will progress into next year. Most pictures show people wearing masks and we'd like to show their smiling faces!

Policy

- Clarify some things for uniform code, for example "Jumpers should be appropriate length". We should specify the exact length that is appropriate.

Planning

- No Report.

Budget

- Ms. Cooney met with Julie to get a sense of overall Parish budget, line item compare to where we are now.
- Kate Morgan has been talking with other parents about office supplies families are asked to provide every year – kleenex, paper, etc. Can we charge a fee to parents and school can buy supplies in bulk at a cheaper cost? Also, ask teachers if there are specific items they can charge a small fee to parents and buy themselves such as red pens, etc. When parents buy, they come in larger packs and we end up buying more than needed.
 - Perspective families like that we don't have book, tech, supply fees which can be around \$200 at other schools. Let's think about it.
- Finance Committee will be reviewing budget this month. Proposing a 3% increase for teachers

Principal Report

- We have many activities and service projects planned for Lent. The Lent Committee made a calendar that can be found on the school website the lists all the prayer experiences, journal writing, reconciliation dates (everything that is happening during Lent).
- I spoke with Father Adam along with my faculty and we have decided starting on Wednesday to make masks optional.
- Students in grades 3, 5, and seven are taking the Iowa Tests. They will be completing this tests next week.
- Report cards were sent home today and conference request forms were also sent out. These conferences are by request only by the teacher or parents. The teachers are setting up the times and type of conference it will be (in person or Zoom).
- We are moving into our final trimester. The theme for our school year is “We Build Our Faith.” We change the focus area every trimester. Our new focus is “We Build Our Faith By Deepening Our Relationship with God”.
- There is a letter in our newsletter from Mrs. Bezak. I am sure you will agree it was a hard letter to read thing and it really makes you appreciate the things we take for granted in life. I have been in contact with her on a weekly basis. She is a real fighter.
- Kathi Sinclair will be taking over the music classes for first through fifth grade. She will be writing a letter to the families next week.
- The Middle School Play is well on its way. Thanks so much to JJ, Mrs. Ammerman and Mrs. Polivka for their countless hours of help.
- Registration is over for the Milwaukee Choice families we have 21 families in this program. All of the families that were accepted are already existing families in our school.
- The registration is also over for all our school families. We have three families leaving next year. Two because of moving and one wanting public school.
- Budget – Met with Julie first to get a sense of the overall budget for the parish. We look at every line item and what had been sent in each area this year. The faculty and I also talked about any curricular updates that were need. At this time it will only be the expenses of our existing curriculum.
- Finance Committee will be reviewing and approving our budget later in the month. The parish is proposing a 3% increase for all employees.
- Upcoming calendar events : Fraction In Action, Middle School Play, High Interest (28th), Biztown 4th 7b 5th FT, VIP Day 13th, Carnival 20th, May Crowning 27th

- Search Committee News....
- Open positions for next year.
- Next month we do not meet.

Teacher Report

- Iowa testing off to a great start, students have been hard at work.
- Under way with Lenten celebrations.
- Students are very excited about filling their penny pots.

Home and School Report

- In process of prepping for the Father Daughter dance.
- Sammy Hertz contacted someone to do bell towers, which are given to students when they graduate.
- Starting to talk about High Interest Day, looking for volunteers

Pastoral Council

- List of items school could use for upcoming capital campaign the Archdiocese is planning.

New Business

- Starting Wednesday, masks will be optional at Mass.
- GRADES 3, 5, and 7 in the process of Iowa testing.
- Kathy Sinclair is taking over music for K4-5th grade.
- School Committee will have open positions next year, start thinking about who to recruit.
- Sammi Hertz has volunteered to help out with making hot lunches next year.
- VIP Day – band kids will perform. Ms. Cooney will also look into the play kids performing songs from the play.
- Look into putting something in the Newsletter showing the Sub committees, who is on them, and what they are working on month to month. High level is fine.
- We don't meet during Lent, next School Committee meeting will be in May.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03p.m.