

# School Committee Meeting Minutes

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**12 November 2020 / 5:30 PM / Zoom Call**

## ATTENDEES

Members Present: Linda Cooney, Monica Warren, Kristina Watters, Andy Gossen, Erin Murphy, Wendy Krause, Kristin, Stacy, Clara, Liz Albright, Kate Morgan, Bryanna Van Vreede

Prayer- Linda Cooney

St. Joseph Catholic School Mission Statement- Linda Cooney

## AGENDA

**Sub Committee Reports** – Many of the Sub Committee groups have not yet met this year.

### Technology

- Have not met yet this year

### PR & Development

- With Covid situation we will be limiting tours, who can come into schools for visits.

### Policy

- Have not met yet this year

### Planning

- No Cookie House this year.
- Craft day might still happen. Ms. Cooney spoke with the ladies who help coordinate and are thinking of safe ways for the kids to participate, such as rotating throughout the cafeteria, wiping tables throughout the sessions, etc.

### Budget

- Waiting until February when Choice #s are available. The Finance Committee will not be meeting in November, December or January.

## Principal Report

- It is hard to believe we are completing our 11th week of school.
- Being able to remain face-to-face successfully is due in part to so many factors.
- The hard working dedicated faculty of St. Joseph.
- The volunteers that have stepped up to be here every morning taking temperatures. The morning drop-off continues to work well. When I see we need to make adjustments (back-up / safety) I adjust the plan.
- Matt, Juan and Jesse who maintain and sanitize our building throughout the entire school day.
- The parents who continue to make decisions to keep their child/ren home with any symptoms that could be related to Covid.
- We have had a few cases where a family member exhibited symptoms and the whole family stayed home until the Covid test was taken. All our families are following the protocols correctly before returning to school.
- The entire classroom would be informed if a child tested positive along with the Health Department.
- We have had cases where families had one family member test positive and the children and the rest of the family tested negative.
- Families are staying home and not sending children which is keeping our school safe.
- The faculty and I are always concerned as the numbers continue to rise and we know the upcoming holidays are approaching.
- Some schools are opted to go virtual two weeks after Thanksgiving. The faculty and I at this time (with our successful face-to-face in school) would like to remain open.
- After my report is complete I would be open to feedback from our members.
- Next week we will be having conferences I am hoping that everyone follows the protocols to keep our faculty safe. I will be meeting with the teachers tomorrow to discuss having parents be able to opt out of these conferences after seeing their child/rens report card like we always did for the second conference.
- I am amazed at the contributions that have been coming in from our families for the “Stuff the Stocking” and House of Peace Food Boxes.
- The faculty will be meeting next week to talk about Advent and how those activities will look.
- The Christmas concert will be taped and viewed on the St. Joseph U-tube channel with the help of Ms. Meier.
- We will have to start thinking about the budget in January. One question that needs to be discussed is the cost of tuition / extended care for next year. These questions need to be answered so we can begin the registration process in January. Last year we raised tuition \$50.00 per child and Extended Care had a .25 cent increase per hour.
- We were fortunate to have Samantha Hertz step up to coordinate the lunch program and again the lunch volunteers stepped up to make this transition a smooth one.

God bless the community of St. Joseph

### Teacher Report

- No teacher report, teachers are happy with how things have been handled during face to face schooling, parents are helping out, etc.

### Home and School Report

- Home and School meets tonight at 6pm via Zoom.

### Pastoral Council

- Met last night. They have experienced a \$40,000 decrease in donations since the same time last year. They plan to bring this up during all Masses, asking people to consider donating any amount they are able to.
- Parish remains debt free even during the Covid situation.

### **New Business**

- How do we feel about doing a few weeks of virtual classroom sessions around Christmas?
  - Parents who work full time will have a hard time handling this, kids have a hard time schooling virtually from home.
- Anne Mallinger created a Forensics questionnaire for students to take home to gauge interest in participating in a virtual program. Students would tape themselves performing at home.
  - Participation was extremely low, Forensics will not take place this year.

Next Meeting is Thursday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:57p.m.**