

# School Committee Meeting Minutes

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October 7, 2021 6:30pm

## ATTENDEES

Members Present: Linda Cooney, Amy Warren, Erin Murphy, Liz Allbright, Kate Morgan, Bryanna Van Vreede, Jeremy Blackwood, Heather Nosbusch, Joe Schueller, Fr. Adam F. Hirudayasamy

\*Prayer- Linda Cooney

## AGENDA

### Sub Committee Reports

- Erin will locate sub-committee assignments from last school year

### Technology

- School has 60 Chrome books
- Smart Board needs being evaluated
- Working on improving technology for skyping mass

### Policy

- For 2021/2022 school year need to add policy for Choice vote, review Uniform Policy

### Principal Report

- It is hard to believe we are completing our 6th week of school.
- We have had four weeks of no positive cases. Keep praying!!
- The opening days of school have been very successful.

- 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 drop-off in the morning is moving very quickly. Most students are packed and ready to exit the car.
- Occasionally a car that is waiting will pass the cars that are letting children out. I do let parents know for safety they are not allowed to do that.
- Parent and visitors have been very respectful of our no visitor rule in the hallways and classrooms.
- The recess periods have been staggered and they rotate the play areas.
- Matt, Jesse and Chantelle continue to maintain and sanitize our building throughout the entire school day.
- The parents continue to make decisions to keep their child/ren home with any symptoms that could be related to Covid.
- Families are staying home and not sending children which is keeping our school safe.
- The students are attending Mass together wearing masks. Students and families have been very cooperative with this policy.
- The eighth graders were commissioned as new leaders of our school at Mass on September 15th. Parents and guest were invited to sit in the balcony.
- Soles for Catholic Education Walk – The walk is not being held in person again this year with the Archdiocese. We will be doing our Soles walk as classes on Thursday, September 14th. The funds collected would go to our Technology fund.
- We hope to raise \$5,000. We have a goal of \$2,000 set for the school. If this goal is reached all the classrooms will get to choose a movie and have a treat.
- All of the teachers zoomed their Back to School night. They all discussed the complete implementation of Standard Based Grading.
- Standards-based grading is a shift many K-12 school systems are implementing to measure student performance based on the mastery of learning standards. This is different than traditional grading where student performance is measured based on an average of all the work a student has done within a given period of time.
- Parent's Guide to Standard-Based Assessment, Grading, and Reporting available on the website.
- The speech teacher from Wauwatosa has started. She meets with students on Thursday. We will again be using Learning Exchange for our Title I program. Mrs. Kirchner has volunteered to tutor a small group of students. She will be paid through the Title program. There will be no charge to the families.

- We have some outside field trips planned in the coming weeks. Our 8th graders will be going to Timber-lee Nature Center and the Kindergarten and First Graders will be going to the Pumpkin Farm.
- We have decided that we will be having face to face conferences in November. I am hoping that everyone follows the protocols to keep our faculty safe. Parents will also have the option to zoom with their child/rens teacher.
- We were fortunate to have Samantha Hertz step up to coordinate the lunch program order and creating the menu. Elia Navarro has returned along with are volunteers from last year and two new volunteers. Again the lunch volunteers stepped up to make this transition a smooth one.
- The faculty spent today working on their Faith Formation.
- Tomorrow the faculty will be heading to the Wisconsin Center for teachers convention. This day is set aside for continued professional development for principals and faculty in the Archdiocese.
- God bless the community of St. Joseph.

#### Teacher Report

- New writing and spelling program in grades 3-5
- New phonics program in grade 2

#### Home and School Report

- Home and School is reviewing their budget
- Trunk or Treat planning is underway
- Researching which field trips can take place this year. Home and School to fund 50% of Timber-lee

#### Pastoral Council

- No updates

#### **New Business**

- Middle school will now change into gym uniforms
- Discussion regarding clubs that were put on hold last year due to Covid. Scouts are going on. Uncertain if Maker's Club will happen this year.

Next Meeting: Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm