

School Committee Meeting Minutes

September 2020/ 6:30 PM/ Library

ATTENDEES

Members Present: Linda Cooney, Bryanna VanVreede, Jeremy Blackwood, Erin Murphy, Stacy Babl, Heather Slawinski, Kate Morgan, Liz Albright, Andy Gossen, Monica Warren, Amy Warren, Wendy Krause

Prayer- Linda Cooney

St. Joseph Catholic Mission Statement- Linda Cooney

Introductions took place to get to know new and existing members.

AGENDA

Technology

- Meetings are generally held once per quarter.
- Andy Gossen will continue to fill this role.

PR/Marketing

- Discussed what this committee has done in past years.
- Going forward we may like to update the entrance to the school.
- Members are Monica Warren and Heather Slawinski

Policy

- Discussed what this committee has reviewed in previous years, including most recently dress code and admission policy.
- Members are Erin Murphy and Jeremy Blackwood.

Planning

- In past years this committee has worked on Directory Spot, School Pak and New Family orientation.
- Members are Liz Albright and Amy Warren.

Budget

- Members are Monica Warren and Kate Morgan

This year Erin Murphy is Chair and Kate Morgan Co-Chair.

Principal Report

September 17, 2020

- The opening days of school have been very successful. The drop-off in the morning is moving very quickly. Most students are packed and ready to exit the car for their temperature checks.
- 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.
- Whenever anyone enters the building their temperature is taken.
- The recess periods have been staggered and they rotate the play areas. The playground equipment is sprayed early in the morning.
- We also have staggered lunch periods. The hot lunch program is going very well. The entrée and sides are all on the plate. We deliver the plates to K5 and first grade.
- The tables are washed between all lunch shifts. We have hired someone to help do this as well as cleaning throughout the building.
- This week was the first week for Mass. Grades 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 go on Wednesday and 3, 4, and 5 go on Friday.
- The eighth grade commissioning Mass will be held on Wednesday. Parents and guest are invited to sit in the balcony.
- Soles for Catholic Education Walk – The walk is not being held in person so we need to think of an alternative plan. The funds collected would go to our Technology fund. Each classroom could walk around the school building. This would be similar to the end of the year Field Day walk. We need to set a goal.

A Parent's Guide to Standard-Based Assessment, Grading, and Reporting

- We were hoping to continue to discuss the implementation of the new standard-based reporting system but with the closer of school and not meeting as a School Committee this could not happen.
- 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.

- Last spring we began to switch to incorporate Standard Based Grading on the fourth quarter report card.
- This year we also changed the report times to be Trimester rather than four quarters. This gives the teachers a longer time to measure skills for mastery.
- I will be including more information about the adoption of Standard-based grading and the trimester grading periods in the newsletter.
- I have given every School Committee member a copy of the Parent's Guide. This is also on our website.
- The trimester dates: November 20th / March 5th / June 8th
- The speech teacher started today. We will 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.
- The school calendar has been updated. The two convention days in October will still take place. We will be having in house professional development with our faculty.

Upcoming School Committee Meetings

November 12th

January 14th

March 11th

May 13th

TEACHERS REPORT

- The first 2 weeks of school are going well and everyone is getting into a routine.
- The students have been doing a great job wearing their masks.
- Lanyards have been very helpful keeping masks clean and with the student.

Home and School Report-No Report

Pastoral Council- Going forward Arturo Renteria will be the pastoral liaison for School Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- At this time student cell phones remain in the classroom with the teacher and are being kept clean and separated in plastic bags.
- School Committee meeting will be held every other month this year, instead of monthly.

Next Meeting is Thursday, November 12th at 6:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25pm