

School Committee Meeting – July 21, 2020

Attendees: Jennifer Crombie, Angela Zwald, Jennifer Nampel, Sarah Bindl, John Bowser, Fr. Mike, Jennifer Wendorf, Marybeth Schessow, Greg Steil, Mark Roedl, Danielle Paul

Absent: Estella Calvo-Balleza

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Introduction of Guests: None

Approval of June 2020 Minutes: Danielle Paul made a motion to approve and seconded by Jennifer Wendorf. All approved.

Audience Comments/Eyes & Ears/Correspondence: Roundtable – Share something positive about our school:

8th grade graduation turned out very nice. Everyone had a good time. Made the best out of the situation. Very cool to have the parents hand the students their diplomas.

Shout out to Miss Ver Hage for being at every First Communion mass.

Work and coordination that Ms. Crombie has put together for the school re-opening has been tremendous and much appreciated.

Administrator's Report:

- The plan for the reopening of school has been quite consuming. The Reopening School committee met on Friday, July 17, for almost three hours. Many things were discussed. I updated the plan to reflect those discussions following that meeting. The committee met again today on July 21, at 11:00 a.m. SAC committee members have access to the plan. It will be sent to families on Friday, July 24.
- The SKDS Faculty have already met twice to work on the details of the Reopening School Plan. We will meet as levels tomorrow and Friday.
- We have purchased the IXL Program for grades 1-8; (grades 1-2 Math & ELA and grades 3-8 Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies) This program will provide data to help teachers identify learning gaps, provide personalized instruction, and be a useful resource if we have to return to DDL. Teachers received the Professional Development on the program and are very excited to begin using it.
- Approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of the tuition contracts have been returned for this coming school year. The 2020-21 classroom numbers are: 3K: 12 students, 4K: 22 students, 5K: 18 students, Grade 1: 15 students, Grade 2: 14 students, Grade 3: 21 students, Grade 4: 17 students, Grade 5: 10 students, Grade 6: 17 students, Grade 7A: 14 students, Grade 7B: 13

students, Grade 8: 16 students. These are students who have completed registration forms. We are still waiting to hear from 4 families.

- The summer cleaning crew is making good progress. Because we have less help this summer, we are a bit behind schedule. The gym floor is being repaired and the cracks in the gym wall are being sealed. The gym should be completed close to the start of the school year.
- I attended our Diocesan Virtual School Improvement Plan (phase 2) meeting. Our focus is on how to address the academic challenges during the COVID-19 situation in both an in person or a virtual environment. I received some wonderful resources on Effective Assessment, using the data to drive instructional decisions and strategies, creating curriculum maps to assist with making curricular units, in addition to a few SEL resources.
- I have hired a 5th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Jessica Kern. I still need to hire a Director of Food Services. The ad for this position is in the newspaper and on Daily Dodge. I have had one person fill out an application for this position.
- Graduation: We graduated 23 wonderful young people on July 10. The Mass and ceremony were beautiful and went very well.
- The ITBS tests have been sent in to be scored. We did not have the results prior to the Report Cards being sent home. Depending on when we receive the results, we will get them to families as soon as possible.
- I met with Rob Meyer, the Director of Teaching and Learning in the BDUSD, regarding Title & ESSER Funds. I still do not have an amount for the ESSER Funds.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Eric said his last masses last weekend. We do not have final word yet on his replacement who is waiting for the Guatemalan Embassy to reopen. Filling in with Fr. Bill Key and others. Fr. Eric was very grateful for the school yearbook interview.

Spending a lot of time dealing with Covid issues and having church occupied. Decided to keep the sign-up genius through First Communion masses.

Working on budget issues. Income is down slightly. Doing a deficit budget probably next year. Trying to run with our full staff.

Amazing Parish conference: for us as a church to train/encourage/pray with each other on one-to-one basis.

Big hats off to Nathan Eggers for all of his hard work going from church/school construction to Covid and now re-opening school.

Going forward with selling the house for a men's homeless shelter. Overall, the Pastoral Council heard that if we have all the controls in place, and they are following all their rules, it will be a safe environment and will fill a big need.

Working on meeting with chairs of all fundraising groups.

Committee Reports:

Finance: waiting on Esser Funds and Title Funds for this year so we can start on the wish list.

Marketing: focused on getting the school re-opened

Parish Council Report:

No other new items

Unfinished Business: None

Subcommittee Updates:

Playground: each classroom will have a basket of playground equipment. The playground equipment will be roped off so the kids will not be able to use this fall. Painting lines for the basketball hoops.

Athletics: Madison schools are virtual this fall. Will this affect our league?

Uniforms: looked at the current dress code poster and revised. Tightened up some confusing spots. Sweaters have to be at the hip; leggings are appropriate underneath skirts/dresses; re-iterating when short/sandal season is. Clarified difference between Cougar yellow and gold. Added that spirit wear can be worn at any time (tops). Clarification around accessories and head bands to eliminate distracting items. Corduroy pants were eliminated. Waiting to hear back about the Covid guidelines before having Cougar's Closet open.

Virtual School Store: families can purchase items online and will be shipped to school or home for an extra fee.

Entrance: camera/door was approved by finance. 2 sets of doors will be installed. Will be able to buzz people in from the office and the extend-a-day room. Banner has been ordered denoting the new entrance.

New Business:

Meeting format: Virtual vs. hybrid vs. in person if possible. Motion made by Sarah Bindl to continue with virtual monthly meetings for the next six months and seconded by Greg Steil. Approved by all. Motion carries. This will be re-evaluated in December.

Officer Elections

Chair: Sarah Bindl nominated Angela Zwald and seconded by John Bowser. Angela accepted the nomination. No other nominations. All in favor, motion carried

Vice-Chair: Marybeth Schessow nominated Mark Roedl and seconded by Sarah Bindl. Mark accepted the nomination. No other nominations. All in favor, motion carried.

Secretary: Angela Zwald nominated Sarah Bindl, Marybeth Schessow seconded. Sarah accepted the nomination. No other nominations. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10:pm by Greg Steil and 2nd by Jennifer Wendorf.

The next School Committee meeting is August 18th at 7:00pm.