

School Committee Meeting – April 21, 2020

Attendees: Ms. Crombie, Jennifer Nampel, Danielle Paul, Jennifer Wendorf, Fr. Mike, Marybeth Schessow, Sarah Bindl, Angela Davis, Angela Zwald, John Bowser

Absent: Estella Calvo, Greg Steil

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Introduction of Guests: Mrs. Scott, Fr. Justin, Barbara Heinzen, Mark Roedl

Approval of March 2020 Minutes: Angela Davis made a motion to approve and seconded by Danielle Paul. All approved.

Audience Comments/Eyes & Ears/Correspondence: Roundtable – Share something positive about our school: Kids are really enjoying being able to interact with their classmates during virtual learning. Kudos to the teachers.

Pancake breakfast went really well. Went off without a hitch. Glad to have got it in when we did.

Really nice for the teachers to hand deliver material to houses. Virtual meetings are going really well. Kids like interactions with teachers and fellow students.

Administrator's Report:

The faculty has been working hard on providing Digital Distance Learning for our students. Meeting weekly as a full-faculty and as levels to discuss how things are going and address any concerns.

The Archdiocesan Schools Office has provided weekly Virtual Instruction & Learning Guidelines for principals and teachers. Ms. Crombie has weekly Deanery Meetings with Sue Nelson to share information/ideas with other principals. Focusing on Teacher Evaluations using the Teacher Effectiveness Framework, 4th quarter assessments and grading. Continuing to work on what the end of the year may look like. Very helpful information coming out from these meetings.

The 3K Preschool program will be a 3-day program beginning the 2020-2021 school year. It will be M-W-F from 8:15am – 11:00am.

Have received two resignations for next year. Will need to hire for the 3K preschool position, 4k PM position and the Reading Specialist position.

Working on Contracts/Letters of Employment; they will be offered to teachers on May 1st.

The Parental School Choice program application period has been extended to May 14th. We currently have 19 Choice students who have applied for the 2020-2021 school year and all have been verified.

We are updating our Math resources for next year and will be purchasing the Ready math and the iready assessment program for grades 5K-5 for implementation in the 2021-2022 school year. For grades 6-8 will be purchasing the 2019 edition of Big Ideas Math Program for implementation in the 2020-2021 school year.

Working with the After School Care committee to make some adjustments for next year. This committee will also help with the BSC program which will run from 6:45am to 7:45am on days when school is in sessions.

ITBS testing could not be completed this year; we will not have any standardized results this year. Can we submit what has been completed? This question is out there. There are some grade levels which have completed everything. Can the teachers correct the tests?

Looking at the idea of moving the main entrance to the school from the Spring St. door to the east side of the building, the door off the school parking lot of the inner court door. Also looking at moving the school office. We are able to put a second set of doors in that entrance. Cost is a huge factor.

Forming subcommittees to look at the following areas:

- School uniform: issues with code compliance this year. There are gray areas (leggings, long sweaters).
- Code of Christian Conduct & Practices in Virtue & Discipline Policy & virtue Based Restorative Discipline
- Playground

Pastor's Report: Spending a lot of time trying to secure ourselves financially while going through this pandemic. Applied for and were awarded the Paycheck Protection Plan. The Endowment Committee re-shifted the investments back in January to pretty safe investments. Our investments are in ok shape. Received major contribution from parishioner. Moving entrance/office to the east side = accessibility.

Committee Reports:

Finance: the budget is pretty well laid out for Council approval. 2 line items that need to be finalized for the school (final School Choice information and the Special Needs Scholarship program – both deadlines have been pushed back). 19 students have applied for the School Choice program (we have 14 Choice students this year). The School Choice registration is still open.

Marketing: not a lot of activity with flyers/programs. Things have quieted down due to the current circumstances. Every family is being affected differently. Look at marketing to South Beaver Dam families.

Parish Council Report: No Report

Unfinished Business: Strategic planning meetings need to be done in person. Received a good number of surveys back from school families. 34 responses from families, 5 from alumni, 10 from staff, 41 from parishioners. Should we do a final push and send out again to those families who did not respond?

Look at updating the survey based on current events? Or send out new survey to address virtual learning. Have Mrs. Wilson send out the survey again to school families in a week.

New Business:

Sub-committees: sending out Google form to find out which committees members are interested in.

School Calendar: evening events will now be starting at 6pm. We will be moving to trimesters. The Archdiocese is encouraging moving to trimesters from semesters. This is a way to better allow standards-based grading. Conferences would be held 1st and 3rd trimesters.

A motion was made by Jennifer Wendorf to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm and 2nd by Angela Davis.

The next School Committee meeting is May 19th at 7:00pm.