

School Committee Meeting – May 19, 2020

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

Absent:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Introduction of Guests: Tom Anderson, Margaret Scott, Fr. Justin

Approval of April 2020 Minutes: Greg Steil made a motion to approve and seconded by John Bowser. All approved.

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

Mrs. Jenkins has been sending out great projects for art class. She is so positive with the feedback she is giving the kids. Kids are enjoying the projects at home.

Overall participation with Virtual Learning has been good.

Administrator's Report:

- The numbers for the 7th Grade class for the 2020-2021 school year are at 29, therefore we will be splitting the class into two classes. Mrs. Carolina Ganske will be increased to a 100% position and will be one of the 7th Grade homeroom teachers. She will continue teaching Spanish for grades 4-8 and will also teach 7th grade Religion and ELA to her homeroom.
- Digital Distance Learning continues through Friday, May 29. Pick-up/Return of Materials will be on Monday, June 1. Families have been divided into three groups and are assigned a window of time to pick-up/return materials. There are three windows of three hours each, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- I have received 3 resignations for next year. Ashley Eilbes, Jackie Lockwood, and Sarah Puleo. We have interviewed candidates for the 3K & 4K positions. I have offered the 3K and the 4K PM positions and am waiting to complete paperwork before announcing names. I have one interested candidate for the Learning Support Coordinator (previously called Reading Specialist) position. No candidates yet for 5th grade. The positions are posted on the archmil.org website. I will also put them in the bulletin and on Facebook.
- I have received the signed contracts and letters of employment from all faculty and staff, except for those who have resigned.
- Graduation: We will honor our 8th graders at a Graduation Mass on Friday, July 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. There will NOT be a reception.

- The Parental School Choice program application period has ended. We currently have 29 Choice students who have applied for the 2020-21 school year. All have been verified. Schools who participate in the WPCP, and have more than 20 students are required to administer the Forward Exam to the Choice students.
 - Forward Exam will need to be administered to our Choice students.
- The ITBS tests have been sent in to be scored. We will include the results with the report cards, which can be picked-up after June 20.
- We should receive information regarding the Special Needs Scholarship Program in early June. Sarah O. and I will be attending training sessions in late June on Student Eligibility, the SNSP Payment Process, Financial & Enrollment Audits Training.
- We are postponing the updating of our Math resources for next year. We will purchase those resources in the Spring of 2021 to be implemented in the Fall of 2021.
- One of the main challenges we will face at the beginning of the next school year is identifying the gaps in priority standard instruction/assessment that were created due to the Digital Distance Learning challenges. Our school Leadership Team will be participating in the SIP virtual meetings with the Arch Schools Office to:
 - design a process for identification of gaps in priority standard instruction/assessment.
 - Create a plan for mapping instruction/assessment to cover gaps
 - Create a plan on how students will be assessed/graded (first quarter/trimester in particular) if content taught does not reflect grade-level priority standards

School pictures: Looked into other photographers other than Life Touch. However, we have an agreement until 2022 with Life Touch. Gary Haas is the rep and Ms. Crombie met with him and went over our concerns. We are given \$750 worth of free items each year. He has guaranteed any problems will go directly to him. Picture day will be end of September 2020.

School Choice: 5th grade did not pick up any Choice students

Projected enrollment for next year is 195 which is above this year's enrollment. Outgoing 8th grade class is 23 students and incoming 5K class is 21 students.

Pastor's Report: Received temporary occupancy last Friday; few electrical items need to be completed before permanent occupancy received. Allowed to have masses beginning May 30th with 25% capacity. We are looking at 18% capacity. Sign up system went live today. Thinking of trying to do a dedication the 2nd Sunday of June. Live streaming of masses will continue even after the pandemic ends. How are school families doing with their faith? The Archbishop does not want 1st Communion scheduled until phase 2.

Committee Reports:

Finance: School budget is contingent on Choice Students (29). Waiting on the potential scaled back numbers from the state budget. We budgeted for 17 students. Waiting for Special Needs scholarship program to be finalized. We applied for three scholarships (\$38k). Federal funding COVID-19 – trying to find out what our share will be.

Parish Council Report: Easy to sign up for mass. Tomorrow is the last day of the official BFOB committee!

Unfinished Business:

Subcommittee Action Plan:

Main entrance committee will be spearheaded by Barb Heinzen. Getting bids for camera on parking lot/entrance.

Uniform Chair: Danielle Paul

Playground Chair: Marybeth Schessow

Athletics: Jennifer Wendorf

Before final decisions made on key items, will be brought back to the School Committee for a final decision.

Strategic Planning next steps: Go through survey results at the June meeting. Survey was resent to parishioners but not to families. Can we get it sent out one more time to school families? Send out again by the end of the week. Send out results before our next meeting.

New Business:

Forward exam vs Iowa Basic Skills Test: Do we go away from the Iowa Basic Skills Test and administer the Forward exam. Stay with Iowa for 1st/2nd graders. Forward exam is 3 times the cost of the Iowa (IBST is \$12/student). Do we administer the Forward just to the Choice Students? When we have over 20 Choice Students, we must administer the Forward exam to them. It is more rigorous. Forward exam is not timed. The writing portion has to be done in one sitting. Public school teachers see which areas students are struggling with. 3rd and 8th grades take additional sections. Ms. Crombie will take this next to the teachers.

Fundraisers – Footballmania: concern that there will not be an NFL season. Will people still want to purchase tickets with the potential of there not being a season. Look at one large fundraiser in place of numerous smaller ones. Look at putting all fundraisers under one roof.

Fr. Mike to pull a meeting together with all the fundraising chairs. Angela Zwald will contact the chairs.

Term renewal/new SAC member recruitment: Jennifer Wendorf and Angela Zwald will stay on for a second term. Angela Davis will not be back for a second term. Please have a conversation with someone you feel would be a great addition and forward on any names.

August update to SAC meeting schedule: moving to the 2nd Tuesday of the night at the Parish Center after mass.

SCRIP office will hopefully be re-opening in mid-June.

Closing prayer from Fr. Justin.

A motion was made by to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm Greg Steil and 2nd by Marybeth Schessow.

The next School Committee meeting is June 16th at 7:00pm.