

## School Committee Meeting – September 17, 2019

**In Attendance:** Jennifer Crombie, Danielle Paul, Sarah Bindl, MaryBeth Schessow, Angela Davis, Angela Zwald, John Bowser, Greg Steil, Estella Calvo, Fr. Mike, Jennifer Nampel

**Absent:** Jenny Wendorf

**Guests:** Ms. Hoch, Jenny Merrill (Home & School), Deb Hanks

**Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.**

Opening Prayer was said by Danielle Paul.

**Approval of August 2019 Minutes:** A motion was made by Sarah Bindl to approve the August 2019 school committee minutes and seconded by John Bowser.

### **Audience Comments/Eyes & Ears/Correspondence:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies – students are learning about different governments and have created their own government
- Communication from all teachers since school started has been great
- Classroom pages on the website are fun to look at
- Kids are having great experiences so far this year
- Friday masses – impressed to see how the kids act walking from school down to the parish center
- Kids are already excited about the Christmas program. Ms. Haase will be coming back to direct this year's program.

### **Administrator's Report:**

- Things have gotten off to a great start. Lunch hour has gone to one hour. "Smaller" table made for the 3k/4k students to use in the cafeteria for lunch.
- Numbers have not changed much since last month. We have 2 additional 4k students. Total enrollment is 185.
- New case manager, Amber Heller, has been very active visiting almost every class so far. Hearing great comments from teachers/students. She staffs the inner court door every day and is also in the lunchroom and on the playground. Ms. Heller sent a survey to teachers and gave them a form to send home to families who may benefit from one on one meetings.
- Church Health Services contract signed – 4 hours per week for counseling sessions. Starting tomorrow to meet with students. Also available to teachers to discuss best practices of dealing with situations. Have done professional development with teachers (trauma informed care).
- Chromebooks: Finance Committee approved 46 new Chromebooks and they have arrived. Goal is to be ready next week and start handing out to older students.
- SCRIP tuition credit: Finance Council has decided to move forward. Families will receive 50% of the profit from their SCRIP purchases. This will be credited to next year's tuition. Rolling out in October. Need to find tune the policy. Will only be what the school family purchases. Encourage families who do not buy at all to purchase.

- Met with Sandra David, Director of Instruction/Curriculum with BDUSD – purchase 2<sup>nd</sup> step social/emotional curriculum. Mrs. Turner is piloting the iReady assessment. Figure out if this is something we want to implement throughout the school.
- Looking at math curriculum next year.
- 4 teachers are attending Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System – covered by Title funds
- Affiliated organizations – Catholic Women, band, H&S, athletics – overall how to get on same page for processes and procedures.
- Met with After School Care committee to tie up loose ends and talk about challenges/concerns that parents may have. Moved out of Catacombs to cafeteria. Sending out survey in October to see if there are additional needs (before school care, what else is needed).
- Progress reports going out in a week. Reports will be very different.
- “Classroom Pages” on SKDS webpage. Each class/teacher has a page.

### **Pastor’s Report**

- New pastoral plan for Hispanic ministry from the Archdiocese. Provide support for Catholic educators.
- Parish leadership institute: diocesan wide study as to how we are doing with evangelization. Every church member will be invited to take this survey. Feedback as to how we are doing. Data driven decision making – baseline set for us. In our parish we are interested in the impact of the gathering area in the new church. Disciple Maker Index
- Archbishop starting Order of Catechists.

**Home & School:** 1<sup>st</sup> day of school treats. Back to School event on the 23<sup>rd</sup>; looking for a couple of people to cut hair, bounce house, obstacle course, free food, movies, coloring, photobooth – everything is free to all families. Last year purchased new floating stage. Bingo will be in November. Fun run. Trunk or Treat will be from 1pm – 3pm on Sunday before the City of BD trick or treat hours. Open to church/school families.

3k/4k picnic was today with a great turn out.

**Parish Council report:** Set goals with the tri-parish. Continue Eucharistic Adoration – done in July and again on November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5:30am – 5:30pm along with 6pm mass. Another goal was Food for Souls – planted/harvested tomatoes and made salsa and spaghetti sauce to be shared with people/reach out in community. Final goal is to find ways to increase membership; reach out to members we do not know after mass.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Safety discussion: Parents are signing in “better” this year if they come into school to do anything in the building other than picking up students. Much more concerted effort to make sure this is happening.
- Testing Methods: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class piloting iReady assessment with Mrs. Turner.

## **New Business**

- Training meeting discussion – strategic plan:
  - Brainstorm for the next meeting: bring 3 ideas
- Lego Club:
- Robohackers open to all 7-12 students in the school district; information sent home to 6-8 students.
- Consideration of sending out Administrator's report instead of presenting at meeting. Submit week before meeting. John Bowser made a motion to have administrator's report sent out ahead of time. Motion carried

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:36pm by Greg Steil and seconded by Danielle Paul.

**The next School Committee meeting is on October 15, 2019.**