

School Board Meeting – August 20, 2019

Attendees: Ms. Crombie, Jennifer Nampel, Angela Zwald, Estella Calvo, Jennifer Wendorf, Angela Davis, Sarah Bindl, John Bowser, Fr. Mike, Danielle Paul, Mary Beth Schessow, Greg Steil

Meeting was called to order at 7:12pm.

Introduction of Guests: None

Approval of July 31, 2019 Minutes: Approved by Greg Steil and seconded by John Bowser.

Audience Comments/Eyes & Ears/Correspondence:

Community Theater/old St. Patrick's school

Dale Dinkle passed away; former custodian at UCPS. Great guy and very dedicated to our school.

Finishing the 2nd day of in-service and seeing all of the people who have come forward to offer to help, ask if there is anything needed.

Compliments heard regarding communication from 2nd grade teacher to parents.

Pastor's Report: new section/concrete should be ready by Monday. Extended parking lot to move the dumpsters over. The teachers' parking lot is no longer – now part of the playground. There will be a large amount of green space. Do not know if the basketball hoops will be put back up. Need to see how the space is going to be used. Involve the Builders Club to plan the playground space.

Administrator's Report: - Cheryl Condon 4k pm aide; Tricia Cargen is the 3k aide. Will work both as Mrs. Eilbes' aide. Ms. Condon will also be helping out with recess. Through Catholic Charities, Amber Heller has been hired as a school – based social worker. Will be our outreach person with families to connect to resources that are needed. She is full-time at SKDS and year around. She attended the first day of in-service, met teachers and pastoral staff. She will be a very neat addition to our staff. Vast array of experience. (social worker degree)

Met with Thea O'Connor who is the executive director of Church Health Services – 4 hours per week secured a licensed therapist. Funding will come from Church Health; some students will meet requirements to bill Medicare or will use title funds. They will also be at the Monday meeting and will tell parents what they will be providing to the students.

Catholic School Leadership Institute: wonderful experience with 11 other Catholic elementary principals from around the country. Founded to help Catholic schools to become stronger all across the board. Lots of information. They were able to put together a binder of SKDS data to form in-house committee to look at that information. 2 year pilot program meeting every month. Neat experience to see the Catholic church alive in Catholic schools. Great people and a lot of fun.

Presented to the finance committee meeting the wish list. Meeting with Sarah O'Brion next week; seems there should be funding to purchase some Chrome books. Putting together a proposal to send to finance. Option to pilot iready this year with a class to make a decision for next year to go bigger. \$200 plus warranty and licenses - \$350 for everything. Shared the SCRIP kick back to tuition; have not heard back from Finance as to where that is going. Well received.

Finished 2nd day of in-service: going very well. Introduced new students/staff, talked about school culture, presentation on this. Excellent discussions; talked about mission and purpose. Presenter from Green Bay diocese who is part of

Burning Hearts Disciple Ministry. Sister-in-law of Mrs. Anderson (4th grade teacher). Interested in doing something for parents/committees. Degree in pastoral studies. Staff were wowed by it. Focus was on the mission of the church – evangelize (bring people to Jesus, support to form a relationship with Jesus). As Catholic educators our primary job is to bring Jesus to our students.

#’s for this year

3k – 10

4k – 28

Kindergarten – 15

1st grade – 12

2nd grade – 18

3rd grade - 14

4th grade – 10

5th grade – 16

6th grade – 25

7th grade – 16

8th grade – 21

Total – 146 (k-8); 3k/4k – 38

5 new families

Hiring is completed

Test Scores: information previously sent out. The test we use is the Iowa Basic Test. Have to look at consecutive years; how are the scores moving/diverging. Hard to use the information as it comes out at the end of the year. Compare classes from year to year. Iready – 3-4 times per year testing instead of once per year. BDUSD is using this. Timed portion and untimed portion for math (2 class periods). Reading – comprehension (not timed – 1-2 class periods) and fluency rating where teachers needed to listen to students reading. Immediate feedback for the teachers. Progress monitoring tool for intervention teachers. Suggested we use 3rd grade in the pilot year.

Committee Reports

SCRIP:

Finance: John attended the last meeting. A decision has not been made regarding SCRIP. Positive meeting.

Advancement:

Home & School:

Athletics: gym floor being temporarily repaired. Decision over the next 6 months as next step. Insurance covering repairs.

Parish Council Liaison Report/Update: putting together committee regarding new Narthex and how it will be used before/after masses, other times during the year. Question: will you still be able to hear mass if you have to take a child out there. Yes – the sound system is being designed to be connected/disconnected from/to that area. It is on the other side of a fire wall. Addition of a Mom's room with sound and video into that room.

Unfinisehd Business: Getting all school committee member terms back on three year terms. Estella will stay on until 2020 (2 year term). Angela made a motion to approve and Danielle seconded.

New Business:

Safety Discussion: Mike Reissman presented at the in-service; reviewed what is in place and have specific dates as to when we will have flip charts in hand. He explained what our three drills will be like. Meeting again in September to finalize everything. Answered a lot of questions and shared a lot of information. Information will be sent out to parents. He did not think there was any additional risk not having a camera/buzzer at the inner court. Mike Reissman will also be at the open house.

DOJ Grant Opportunities: time to apply is in Spring. Line item in the state budget has been zeroed out for the current bi-annual budget.

Raptor quote shared: ID scanned and then badge printed out. Visitors currently wear passes. Regular visitors have their own ID badge. Must enforce to visitors that they need to wear their visitor pass.

Office has been re-arranged to be more teacher and student friendly.

Report Cards: archdiocesan report card – template comments. Standard based report card will have a different look. Looking for more in-depth individualized comments. Narratives are currently being copied and pasted.

Field Trip Policies: Upper grades: how many chaperones are allowed based upon the field trip. Number of field trips based on grades. Policy of letting students take money on field trips.

School committee training is September 12th.

“One meeting” – way to keep order in the room when multiple people are talking.

A motion was made to adjourn by Angela at 8:55pm and seconded by Danielle.

The next school board meeting is Tuesday, September 17, 2019.