

**Saint Katharine Drexel School
Committee Minutes
12/14/21
6:00 pm**

Attendees:

Principal Jennifer Crombie, Angela Zwald (President), Mark Roedl (Vice-President), Sarah Bindl (Secretary), Jennifer Wendorf, John Bowser, Adam White, Father Will, Danielle Paul, Estella Calvo-Gill

Absent: Marybeth Schessow

Call to Order:

Angela Zwald, Committee President, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Opening Prayer:

Opening prayer was led by Danielle Paul.

Introduction of Guests:

Ellie & Peter Frey, Jodi Mohns, Deb Hankes, Jen Matuszeski, Jake, Tricia, Fletcher Cargen, Joe Bruns, Gordy Otto, Joe Wendorf, Heather Eggers, Janice Tischler, Dan Baulch, Sara Beecher, Ben Larson, Beth Luedtke, Jim Larson, Jane Otto, Andi Larson,

Guests each had three minutes to talk about their stance on masking at SKDS. In addition, Joe Wendorf was in attendance to give an update on athletics.

Approval of Minutes:

Mark Roedl made a motion to approve the November minutes followed by Jen Wendorf.

Roundtable - Share something positive:

- Jen Wendorf shared she is excited about the upcoming Christmas program. Danielle Paul shared that her and her alumni son are also excited to attend the program on Thursday.
- Angela Zwald shared that her girls are excited about the upcoming basketball season.
- Jenny Crombie thanked Joe Wendorf for making sure we have a basketball season.
- Adam White shared the family feeling he always has when running into SKDS families in the community.

Principal's Report

1. Andi Larson has been hired as SKD Parish and School Marketing and Development coordinator. Her role here will evolve over time, but our intent is to have her take anything that pertains to PR for our parish and school and update it, recreate it, expand it. Her work experience, qualifications, and education is in graphic design, communication and publishing, project management, to name a few. She will be starting after the first of the year. Andi will have an office available to her at the parish center, but was given the option to also work from home. After she gets acclimated to the staff and her role here, please invite her any pertinent committee and/or advisory boards so she gets familiar with the operations of our school and parish.
2. We still have the following positions still open:
 - a. Before School Care & AM Extend-A-Day Coordinator. This is a 0.6 FTE position.
 - b. 4K PM Teacher-This is a 0.50 position
3. The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program intent to Participate application, which is due on January 10, 2022, has already been submitted. This year we have 35 Wisconsin Parental Choice students. I selected seats for up to 60 Wisconsin Parental Choice students, which would include room for our current students and a few additional seats per grade level 5k-8. In our Deanery (Dodge/Washington County) there are three schools out of the nine schools that participate in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.
4. I have invited Officer Lisa Jones, the BDPD School Liaison, to speak to our 6th-8th graders about physical harassment, sexual harassment, and bringing weapons to school. I have had to deal with all of those issues this

year and I feel that hearing from Officer Jones will help our students understand the seriousness of these actions.

5. Forward Exam - Parents may request that their child opt out of the Forward Exam. A written request must be submitted to the school.
6. SKDS Christmas Program - Our program this year will be a combination of the Bands and the Vocal performance. Luke's Gospel of the Nativity will be acted out as well. I have sent home information stating that masks will be required. If people show up without masks, neither I nor any of my staff will address it with them.

Pastor's Report:

Father Will shared that John Bowser is working on a survey about mass attendance that will be sent out early January. The goal is to unite the school and parish on a deeper level. We are looking for opportunities and ways to get families back to attending mass.

Committee Reports:

Finance - The budget for next year will be looked at starting in January. Emergency Aid for Non Public Schools - We were allocated \$90,000 initially. We have now been allocated \$130,000. Chromebooks and laptops were purchased along with SMART boards.

Athletics - Joe Wendorf stated that it has been difficult to get coaches for basketball. The 5th grade boys will be on their own with a 5th grade parent as the coach. Joe is going to make a hybrid team with the upper grades. 18 total boys for 5th and 6th went out for basketball.

Glitz/Big Event - The committee is meeting monthly. The event will take February 5th at Old Hickory. Staples has donated the printing of the booklets that include donations and sponsors of the event. We are still in need of an auctioneer, registration is online, and the committee is in the process of accepting donations.

Health & Safety Committee - Mark Roedl shared that air quality of the school, heating technology, HVAC, and air conditioning all need to be explored in the near future.

Parish Council Liaison Report - Father Will shared sacrament numbers from last year. There was a focus on getting people back to mass.

Unfinished Business:

See Administrator's Report about the Marketing/Communication/Development Director Position

New Business:

- SAC discussion and vote on mask policy (private ballot) - The SAC voted in favor of optional masking with a 7 to 2 vote. This new policy will go into effect on January 3, 2022 when students return from break. Additional policy changes regarding quarantining will go out to families before Christmas break.
- Photography Company 2022-2023 - We will plan to go with Glasgow Photography moving forward.
- Student proposal on school uniform update - The SAC committee commended the student on his proposal and presentation. No change will be made at this time until the Uniform Committee has time to meet.

Closing Prayer:

Father Will led us in closing prayer.

Adjournment:

Danielle Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting followed by Jenny Wendorf.

