

Parish School Committee (PSC) Minutes

January 12th, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Dan Janasik, Lisa Ellis, Nathan Miller, Gloria Schumacher, Alison Kleibor, Marejo Ramsey, Becky Moulton, Jenny Burau, Joan Prentki, Lisa Piessens, Kim Weber, Wes Niemcek, Jennifer Romine, Kari Janasik, and Diane Selke

Opening Prayer led by Fr. Dan Janasik

OLD BUSINESS

- **Paver Sales.** The paver sale was a success! The funds will be used to enhance the front of the school – an updated bike rack, a small seating area, etc.; Lisa Piessens and Becky Moulton of PSC will be reviewing the inscriptions before sending them in for order.
- **Mission Carnival.** This year's carnival will look different, but we're excited to continue this event and we're looking at options to engage our virtual learners as well. Jenny Burau and Beth Gerstbrein are heading up plans for the Mission Carnival this year.
- **School Safety Plan.** Mrs. Ellis reviewed the safety plan with Muskego PD as required. The plan was approved and now includes additional information regarding cardiac events and loss of consciousness. Muskego PD recommended discussing bus and bus stop safety with students as well. This Spring Muskego PD will return to provide additional training to staff. The school safety plan has been signed and is ready to be submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Open House.** The school Open House was this weekend, Sunday, January 17th from 10:00AM to 12:30PM. Fourteen families pre-registered for the Open House, others are opting for a private meeting and school tour, while others still are moving to registration! All families who register on the day of Open House receive a \$100 credit toward tuition. Likewise, if any current families refer a new family to St. Leonard, they will also receive a \$100 credit toward tuition, provided the new family registers and attends school in the 2021-22 school year.
- **Extra Curriculars.** The Archdiocese makes the determination regarding athletics. We are hopeful that track season will be feasible and anticipate having additional information by the end of February. Mrs. Romine and Ms. Zukowski are also exploring a virtual readers theater or drama club.
- **Homework Policy.** PSC spent time discussing homework inequities experienced between grade levels by some school families. Lisa Ellis shared that this was recently discussed in a staff meeting and that the handbook gives guidelines for homework, including reading time, that should not be exceeded. Homework should be a meaningful practice to assist in meeting the grade standards and benchmarks. This topic is one that Lisa Ellis will continue to explore with staff. PSC also discussed whether SchoolSpeak offered an option for a live gradebook to allow for more ownership from students and families for assignments.
- **Extended Care.** PSC discussed the potential of resuming the aftercare program or maintaining the relationship with Lotza Fun. If aftercare came back to St. Leonard, it would be held in the school and not in the Youth Center. There are a number of factors to weigh out before making this decision, including feedback from parents, ability to staff aftercare positions, etc.
- **Pizza Sales.** The pizza sales were a success! Thank you to all families who helped prep pizzas Friday!

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- **National Standards and Benchmarks.** National Standards and Benchmarks will be discussed at February's meeting and Lisa Ellis will send information to PSC information to review prior to that meeting.
- **Finance Committee Presentation.** The 2021-22 Budget will be presented in March.
- **Recorders.** Fourth and third grade students will have one recorder at home and one for school use. These classes are held in the gym to ensure appropriate distancing. Music teacher, Mrs. Dixon, will disinfect recorders after each use and students are not sharing instruments.

ACTION ITEMS

- None

Closing Prayer led by Lisa Ellis

The next PSC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9th at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Kleibor.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Father Dan Janasik; Lisa Ellis – Principal; Nate Miller – Chairperson; Gloria Schumacher – Vice Chairperson; Alison Kleibor – Secretary; Joan Prentki – Home & School Liaison; Wes Niemcek – Parish Council Liaison; Members at large: Jenny Burau, Lisa Piessens, Becky Moulton, Marejo Ramsey, Kari Janasik, and Kim Weber