

St. Ann School Council
September 2, 2021

In attendance: Mark Clifft, Tori Brown, Matt Johnson, Natalie Dalpe,
Lisa Stuart, Liz Minks, Nancy Wilkerson, Fr. Craig Maxim

I. Prayer-Fr. Craig

II. Pastor's Report-Fr. Craig

- 1) All school mass on will be on Tuesday and Wednesday so not as crowded.
- 2) Youth Mass past Sunday went well for a first time. Good to see new school families.
- 3) Held confirmation meeting for 7 and 8 graders.
- 4) Current struggle is with mask mandate for those who choose not to wear mask with those who do wear mask.

III. Principal's Report

- 1) Big picture goal is to keep kids in school. Doing 3 feet apart, masks, lunch timeframes are spread out so classes more can be there.
- 2) 11% of school has mask exemption which is right along the middle of schools in the archdiocese. Currently we have 0 staff, 0 YCC, 6 positive student and 32 quarantine. All students back this week except 2 positive cases. Nurse Stephanie is amazing! Health department is supposed to be doing tracking but they are too busy. Stephanie is going above and beyond and doing it to keep the kids safe.
- 3) We have two open positions right now. Two years ago there were 15 new hires, then 10 new hires and this year 6 new hires. Due to health reasons Mrs. Raper was not able to fulfill her contract. Mrs. Knight sitting in but need to get her back to her institutional assistance role so need to fill that position.
- 4) Have heard from a parent that white shirts are hard to keep clean. Thoughts on changing color. Nancy suggests that 6th grade (as middle schoolers) should be included in the darker shirt of Jr high because gives the budding girls some coverage. Liz will consider this.

IV. Items of note:

- 1) How can we share our role so that the community is aware of School Council purpose/goal? Mark to send an email and get the message out about the purpose of school council and work on the communication to the parents. He will update the letter from last year and send out to families.
- 2) Covid-Liz stated that it is about the same as last year. Done on a case-by-case basis. Who is going to quarantine and when is set by JOCO health department. Basically, 15 mins together unmasked within 6 feet within 24 hours of symptoms. Difference is that 11% of the people are unmasked. Vaccinated and

asymptomatic students/adults that are exposed to positive cases are not required to quarantine.

Mask Exemption-How the mask exemption come about is that there was a mask mandate set by archdiocese. Then they sent an email that stated parents should be able to choose. It was intended to be an internal document but one school did put it out to all which created the confusion. We sent email that was based on the archdiocese recommendation.

- 3) Remote Learning-You need a special license from the state for remote learning. The state gave an emergency waiver to all to do it in 2020 but did not continue that. It was not the teacher's choice to stop remote learning options.
- 4) Strategic Plan - Ms Dalpe
 1. Cognia goals: MTSS, Data Analysis PD plan
 2. Dyslexia Training - phonics/spelling
 3. Social Emotional Training

Strategic plan came out of our review last year. We are implanting the new curriculum in the above items. All of these things are already in motion but we have not drafted the plan. Nancy asked the if we can include updated and comprehensive social media education as part of these curriculum goals. Needed on a regular basis in the middle school and JR high, not just quarterly. Natalie said they will continue to develop that. Lisa said she could work on getting something implemented from the PTO resources. Tori inquired about a full-time counselor

- 5) Morning drop-Drop off has had very long lines due to smaller window so kids are coming from all angles. Mark suggested bringing Safety Patrol back. Could give service hours for 7 and 8 th grades. Or could just make it a requirement. Liz has a parent who is willing to lead the safety patrol she will follow up. They are needed on Mission Road and all outlets after school too. They would just have to leave 5 minutes before school is dismissed.
- 6) Recess supervision- Teachers should be off their phones and someone positioned on the driveway to make sure little kids are not running in the long part of the driveway.
- 7) Playground equipment- Mark suggested that we remove the circle that so many kids have broken arms on. Liz will talk to Mark about doing that.

V. Concluding prayer- Fr. Craig

Next meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2021