



St. Bede School Board

Meeting: August 2020 School Board Meeting

Members Present: Tina, Julianne, Heather, Lauren, Kari, Becky, Missy, Mike, Karen, Sandra (Zoom), Rebecca, Ryan (Zoom), Fr. Mike

Date: Tuesday August 4th

Absent:

Location: School Library

Time: 6:30 – 7:52PM

Mission Statement

Saint Bede Catholic School exists to support the family and community and to provide all children an opportunity for a challenging educational experience, which includes Social and Emotional Growth, Values, Tradition, and Faith.

Topic of Discussion	Presenter	Summary of Topic	Notes/Follow up required	Accountable	Target date
Opening Prayer	All				
Presidents Report	Missy		Please turn in your forms from last month's meeting – confidentiality, conflict of interest, Waiting for Jane to confirm meetings for the rest of the year Board roster – if you have any opposition to having your cell phone published, please let Missy know		

Principals Report	Kari	Enrollment update	<p>Up to 203 students 5th grade is full at 28 students 6th, 7th and 8th are being watched closely due to higher numbers</p> <p>These are students that have a signed contract and registration paid.</p> <p>Karen – lots of tours this week, Parent Ambassadors on call, lots of perspective. Registration numbers are changing by the minute.</p> <p>Shout out to the Parent Ambassadors – answering hard questions and doing a great job.</p>		
		Reopening Plan updates	<p>Webinars are being held on a daily basis, and info keeps changing. Kari is doing her best to give accurate info.</p> <p>Catapult learning is no longer an option. During one of the webinars, Dr. Rigg said that each school would only have 5 seats for elearning. Due to cost, the Arch/St. Bede cannot afford to pay 3300/student on this elearning program. Principals in Vicariate one have met together and decided to do their own elearning program being done by our own teachers.</p> <p>Only the draft of the reopening plan has been submitted to the Arch/turnaround team. No response yet. Teachers have been given the draft to look over.</p> <p>Teachers were given the elearning roll out as well, and teachers have said that what they are able to do. Parent interest has indicated that elearning from our own teachers has been what people wanted. Teachers are now helping to formulate what elearning will look like.</p>		

			<p>Outside – 2 stations will be set up to drop kids off at the front door. Wellness check with thermometer and question. Kids with temp of 100.3 or lower will be allowed to go to second station.</p> <p>They will get hand sanitizer and go directly to classrooms starting at 7:30.</p> <p>Staggered start will be implemented. This is being done to work out the bugs and roll out everything safely so everyone has a good idea of how it will work.</p> <p>The reopening plan is fluid. As changes come from IDPH and CDC, our document will change.</p> <p>Arch is working with all public health agencies as well as Chicago Public schools to make sure we are doing things consistently with other schools that are open.</p> <p>Elearning will be done per trimester; however if there is an illness or people in quarantine will be able to access elearning.</p> <p>Quarantine will occur as per protocol in the reopening plan.</p> <p>Google classroom will be used 3-8th grade. Everything will be posted to google classroom. Kids will be learning consistently. Prek-2nd will use See Saw.</p> <p>Parent and student participation responsibilities will be rolled out as far as elearning goes. Time for elearning will be equitable as far as how much time each grade will be getting.</p>		
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Athletic Report	Tina	General updates	<p>The gym project started this week. Bad flooring has been removed, new flooring installed and sanding/staining started.</p> <p>Speakers in the gym were affected, so new speakers were purchased.</p> <p>Athletics waiting on the Arch for guidance. There is a group of athletic directors who will come up with a plan for our conference once we know what is happening.</p> <p>Elementary athletic governing body had said no fall sports, high school athletic governing body said that CC can go. So just waiting on Arch to finalize what sports can and can't be offered. Girls and boys VB might move to spring, which will affect track.</p> <p>Got permission to repaint lines for basketball outside – recess. Athletics has funds and will go.</p>		

Marketing Report	Karen	Marketing updates	<p>Tours and interest in reopening plan have been high.</p> <p>Trying to streamline the information and where people can find information about all our plans have been working out.</p>		
PA Report	Sandra	General updates	<p>PA meeting – working on beginning of the year events. Will do a prek/k meet and greet at school instead of at Bella’s Bouncies as advertised</p> <p>Cancelling Morning Mixers</p> <p>No prek/K brunch</p> <p>PA will be having a presentation for new parent orientation and Parent Night.</p> <p>Working through beginning school year events and taking one step at a time.</p> <p>Fundraising is a big concern.</p>		
Finance Report	Mike	Finances	<p>Service hours – waived this year, so Mike is working on it. He has to change things. The \$300 will be credited against something else in your FACTS account. He has to change things to ensure everyone has a credit for last year and this year.</p> <p>Playground – sprucing up the mulch and weeding. PA working on fundraising for new playground</p> <p>New cameras put in.</p> <p>Partitions and other health and safety necessities will increase some cost this year. (2 plexi glass pieces in the office, 1 for each teacher on podium or desk, extra partitions in the classroom if</p>		

			<p>a student needs to remove mask for a bit, cones in the hallways, stickers on the floor, handwashing posters, sanitizer, spray bottles, disinfectants, masks...) about \$3000 for this.</p> <p>Got some CARES act and ESRA?? \$\$ - for new chrome books, some have come from St. Joe's. Working on obtaining more chromebooks so all students can have it. Maybe ask if others have a chromebook to donate back or if siblings can use them.</p> <p>Electrostatic spray guns have been ordered as well to apply sanitizer to get every surface.</p> <p>Budget handed out – based on 185 kids. Budget done by turnaround. Staff increased only by Sylvia in front office. Karen and Debi might have hours increased. Huge change in scholarship money. Fundraising aspect will go down.</p> <p>We still got donations for rummage sale. Will try to do this online or via tent sale.</p> <p>Bus – We are still supposed to get a new bus. With the other school districts going remote, bussing is a question. Worried that the other districts will pull bus service. Maybe we can get a deal with other bus service providers??? Working on this.</p>		
General Topics	Round Table Discussion	Current Curriculum	<p>Teachers have brought this to principal's attention. There is a curriculum committee in place to narrow down focus and look at new text books with an online component. Our text books are getting harder and harder to replace because they are so old.</p> <p>Parent feedback is that paper books are easier to help kids with.</p>		

			<p>Cost of curriculum would be via school and would be tied into a school improvement plan.</p> <p>ELA and then math – parents like the super kids for the younger kids.</p>		
		HVAC Filtration	<p>What filtration systems are in place here? Arch is not in favor of expense – windows open is better than filtration. Our filters can be vented for outside air and Dexter will leave the dampers open. Teachers will have fans in the classrooms to help circulate air. The more air circulation the better.</p>		
		Committees for 20/21 school year	<p>What committee/subcommittee you would like to have more in-depth conversation about. The following are going to be where we start:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing • Development/Fundraising • Legislative Action • Finance • Executive – Missy, Kari, Tina <p>Additional Ad Hoc committees as needed</p>		
		Gym Uniforms	<p>Brooks Allen has a date coming up next week – but can schedule pick up at any time. They also have masks.</p>		
		Spirit wear	<p>Brooks Allen has a few items – fall drive around the Holiday Bazaar.</p> <p>PA has the red sweatshirts</p> <p>Athletics has spirit wear before each season</p>		
		Web Page	<p>Missy to talk with Nancy about getting a school board tab. Becky will then post minutes once they have been approved so these can be public.</p>		

Future Agenda Placeholders

Month	Who	Topic	
TBD		By-laws	