



St. Bede School Board

Meeting: Sept 2020 School Board Meeting

Members Present: Missy, Julianne, Lauren, Rebecca I, Becky D, Kari, Tina, Heather, Mike, Sam (for Sandra)

Online: Ryan

Date: Tuesday August 4th

Absent: Karen

Location: School Library

Time: 6:30

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		We had our first COVID dx – comment: communication went out successfully and feedback has been positive for the communication that went out. It was a nice personal touch that the principal wrote a letter in the Buzz as well.		

			<p>Kari wanted to note that she is at the mercy of our case workers downtown for the timing of communications. The offices did not give her the form letter to be filled out until dinnertime. She felt bad that it was so late at night. All agreed that we are grateful for any info that goes out despite the time.</p> <p>There are lots of rapid changes happening in the background surrounding our COVID plan. These will be communicated as things can be publicized.</p> <p>One potential issue is that there is a “grapevine” effect with communication – some of this is inevitable, as the affected grade level will know before the greater community due to HIPPA laws and the needs of the class for home learning.</p> <p>Learning in the future: some parents were confused as to what it meant for the rest of the family (do siblings need to quarantine as well, can parents attend meetings, etc)</p>		
Principals Report	Kari	Enrollment update – Any post start enrollments?	<p>8/18 = 223 students 9/15 = 229 students</p> <p>Doing great with enrollment. We have a wait list for K and 1. K, 1, 5, 7, 8 are all full. There is a min of having students be 3 ft apart in classrooms and we are at that min now. We cannot fit more students in the classroom space to allow classrooms to go to 30 students.</p>		
		Update on how reopening plan is working	<p>Kids, parents and teachers are doing best to follow the plan. Good feedback about the protocols in place, people are thankful.</p> <p>Masks have not been an issue at all for students – even the youngest learners. The biggest issue with masks is keeping over the nose as they become stretched out by the end of the day.</p>		

			<p>There will be a pilot of trying lanyards to keep masks on the students in one of the MS classrooms. The process of putting masks in a paper bag to go out for lunch and recess is taking a lot of time.</p> <p>We had to switch lunch buddies. We had different grade levels that got too big so had to switch up the cafeteria routine.</p> <p>Covid – no student to student covid cases (case we had came from a fam member) Overall the Arch has very few schools that have student to student transmission cases.</p> <p>***Dr. Rigg is going to give these stats – Kari to share next meeting***</p> <p>We purchased electrostatic guns to help spray disinfectant. They won't be here until Sept (\$3000) We purchased a fogger machine (\$300) to help disperse the disinfection solution. Also purchased UVC light units (\$1000 for 2). We extended the fence (\$1600) We purchased Ring doorbell for EDP (\$150) this is going well. We have new exterior cameras and monitors in the office (\$500). We did sprucing up of the playground (\$2000) the Kelly's donated woodchips. There are some places that we can ask for some reimbursement for the Covid disinfectant itmes– Mike is looking into this.</p> <p>Dex and Kari went to St. Peter to get athletic equipment. St. Peter is being rented as a daycare. Each cohort now has their own recess equipment as a result of this run.</p> <p>Covid travel restrictions are for "COVID" hotspots. Families are to be self quarantined for 2 weeks. The students then transition to elearning. We are following the IDPH and the CDPH for guidelines as to who should quarantine and who should not.</p>		
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			<p>Things to work on-</p> <p>E-learning has been a struggle on all fronts. Teachers, students, and parents are all having a hard time. We know that elearning will not replace the classroom experience, but that said, there are lots of difficulties. Teachers are having a hard time finding time to create videos, plan for elearners and in class learners. Elearners are not feeling a part of the school. What set us on this asynchronous learning path – the Arch said they can’t share names, faces, etc. The Arch has since retracted this statement. We are going to give live streaming a go, but teachers are fearful of the change. This will change will also cost money. We have \$9000 from Round Lake for Title money – we can use this to purchase additional chrome books for the teachers so they have 2 devices going at the same time – one to see the elearners and one to project the lesson. We will need microphones (between 50-60 each). Need to also make sure our wifi can handle this. Will have to move some hotspots to help with this. Nancy has people to help with this. Nancy Bataglia from downtown is the tech person for the Arch – waiting to hear back regarding our new plan.</p> <p>Updated remote learning plan for parents/expectations. This will be rolled out to teachers tomorrow, academic team will review and make changes they need to make.</p> <p>Working on a transition sheet for teachers and students where we have to move from in class to remote quickly. This will include passwords, accounts, etc.</p>		
		Employee Giving Campaign	<p>Kari had 2 phone calls in the last 2 weeks (anonymous). One family would love to donate tuition for one student in need – had a specific family in mind and the family who received was so ecstatic! We have a family here whose family’s employer</p>		

			<p>does an employee donation match campaign – this family wants to say “if the group can raise money, I will match that amount, and my company will match MY donation”. This is not a collect and donate – the family will donate up to \$5K for a company match. So potentially this would be \$15K. What kind of campaign can we run to help? Tina will write it up – put it on FB, get it in the bulletin.</p> <p>Joint board fundraiser – make a petition – Tina will work on wording.</p>		
Athletic Report	Tina	General updates	<p>Volleyball is going on – Started Mon. 60 kids in gr 4-8 (more joining everyday) each cohort is remaining together. Kids have been really enjoying it. Tshirts are coming.</p> <p>Basketball lines in the parking lot – the company did not do a good job with measurements. Lines had to be covered up and re-measured. Also 4 square lines have been put in.</p> <p>Gym floor is done and looks great!</p>		
Marketing Report	Karen	Marketing updates	Not here		
PA Report	Sandra/ Sam	General updates	<p>Conflicts with work have prevented Sandra from coming, so Sam and Nikki will be taking over for now. Becky can fill in as well.</p> <p>New president – Nikki Brooks</p> <p>Working through kinks to establish general communication lines – especially using room parents to do that, but it has been difficulty getting all this out.</p>		

			<p>How do we streamline communication to elearners is a hot topic. What additional communication do we share? How do we encourage participation?</p> <p>Events – prek/k meet and greet Dog n Suds Falcon night out Charelston wrap fundraiser – home goods, chocolate, monogramed stuff 40% we get back – online fundraiser (starts next week)</p> <p>PA has also been looking at what other fundraisers we could do – trying to add some extra things</p> <p>Cookbooks will be rolling out this fall.</p> <p>Yankee candle has ended their fundraising.</p> <p>Bake sales – working on getting a covid version, likely buyouts</p> <p>Looking into virtual game night opportunities, Looking for book fair co-chair, wine night chair, and 4th gr room parents</p> <p>Basically looking at calendar and trying to rethink the event</p>		
Finance Report	Mike	Finances	<p>Mike needs to work on a reforecast – has to redo budget for Turnaround by next Friday. Next week will be a new forecast for where we are currently at.</p> <p>Annual school appeal – looking at the tax credit scholarship as part of that. IL gives a personal tax break for your personal taxes. Lots of misinformation about this program and there is a constant struggle as to how to make this more “mainstream”. We have this for a total of 5 years – we are on year 3. It is a</p>		

			<p>complicated process. “IL tax credit scholarship” run through empower and big shoulders.</p> <p>Should we call this “annual school appeal”? – all parishioners get this. Do we have any accountants who can explain this?</p>		
General Topics	Round Table Discussion	Homework Policy	<p>Does St. Bede have a general homework policy and what is it – Read through parent handbook on-line (?pg 12). Talks about how often homework is assigned, how long, and purpose of it.</p> <p>Ex – 10min per grade level, but also a very local decision</p> <p>Does the Arch have a homework policy?</p> <p>Why are we getting homework on Friday? This is teacher decision.</p> <p>Can we make policy page for each teacher?</p>		
		Specials	<p>What specials are being offered, which aren’t?</p> <p>All former specials are being offered EXCEPT music. What is reason for no music – there is intent to have music class, but Arch has no singing, band, etc due to covid. Because we lost our music teacher, we have been waiting to hire someone new.</p>		
		Text Books	<p>We talked about text books last month – question – are we still using spelling books?</p> <p>Kari – there are lots of things going on with text books. We are having a hard time replacing our old text books due to the age. Also the consumables we have, are being phased out. Still in a transition point –</p>		

			<p>Spelling is online for grades 3-5. Spellingclassroom.com – totally on-line program. This personalizes the spelling list for each child.</p> <p>Grades pre-k to 2, super kids is being used.</p> <p>Math – Online for 7th and 8th last year, now we have 6, 7 and 8 online.</p> <p>A lot of our text books are going to come to a halt soon because they simply don't make them anymore.</p>		
		Arch Stance on Field Trips	<p>Their stance is off-site field trip are prohibited during the COVID pandemic.</p> <p>This however is a fluid doc, and if things turn around, we can change this. Kari feels we need to take it on a case by case basis as the times change.</p>		
		Bede Buzz	<p>Love new format! Way to go Kari!</p> <p>This should be the one source for all the events and “in the know” info</p>		

Future Agenda Placeholders			
Month	Who	Topic	
TBD		By-laws	

Beginning Time: 6:35
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