



## St. Bede School Board

**Meeting:** December School Board Meeting

**Members Present:** Julianne Hettich, Rebecca Dressendorfer, Kari Rybarczyk, Tina Lutzke, Rebecca Ikusz, Melissa Greenenwald, Lauren Schultz, Maria Tellez, Ryan Johnson, Mike Hogan, Heather Buchanan, Sandra Sancen

**Date:** December 8th, 2020

**Absent:**

**Location:** Zoom

**Time:** 6:30PM

### 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	General updates	Thank you notes from matching campaign well received. Well done with a handwritten note, recipients loved it.		
Principals Report	Kari	COVID updates	We have 4 close contact cases building wide. At this time, we have no positive cases. Our numbers have dropped, and extra cleaning and sanitization have been very helpful.		
		Arch Updates	Stats from Dec 4: 6% of cohorts are quarantined. 75% of schools have at least one positive case, 25% have more than 3 positive		

			cases. 5 schools are currently in all virtual learning of 166 schools arch-wide. Overall infection rate in schools is less than 1%. Arch is holding teacher listening sessions, and in recent listening sessions, teachers have identified that they are under significant stress and fatigue with the major culprit having to deliver both live and online learning. Please be mindful of the teacher's and their moral, stress levels. Please continue to be supportive.		
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Marketing Report	Maria	Enrollment	Enrollment is stable at 230 students. Have openings in 2, 3, 6 <sup>th</sup> grade. Re-enrollment is coming up soon. Several of the kids who are e-learning will be returning after the holiday break. We are currently promoting tax credit scholarships.		
		2021 Marketing plans	No updates for general marketing. Catholic Schools week planning is underway. This will have to be a virtual event. We are allowed to do a 1:1 tour of school, but not an "open house".		
		Tax Credit Scholarships	<p>Tax Credit scholarships – Funds come from donors. Information about this is going in Bede and Rafael's bulletins weekly.</p> <p>There is an incentive for parents here at St. Bede – if they donate \$1000, then registration will be waived for next year. Donors must apply for an id first – this takes about 10 days. Once they have the ID, they have 60 days to make a donation. There is a hotline and a link for donors with questions. This is an involved process with many steps, and is not very user friendly, but is very beneficial to the school. Donors do get to choose which school to be the recipient. There is a 2 for 1 deal right now. Donors can donate \$1000, and the school will actually get \$3000. The donor will get a 75% tax credit. This will be for the next school year. Registration is \$150. If a donor donates \$1000 now, they actually are only \$100 out of pocket – they get \$750 back in tax credit, plus registration is \$150. Deadline for 2020 tax season was Dec 1, this tax credit is for 2021 now. There is a letter coming in the bulletin from Fr. George this weekend. The annual school appeal will go out with the Tax</p>		

			<p>Credit Scholarship. Matching program ends February 28, 2021. The goal is to raise \$50,000 through this program. There is a \$50K cap on the match. For example, if we have 50 people donate \$1000, then the school will receive \$100K. Tax Credit Donation can be done throughout the year, but matching is only through Feb 28.</p> <p>You can dictate as the donor, where your tax money goes. If you owe \$1000, then in essence you can say \$750 will go to the school, \$250 will go to the state. Mike is going to find out if there are ways to divert money from the taxes on your paycheck and if there are refunds available. You do have to pay-out the money initially, but it should not be a “lose” situation.</p> <p>We need to find a more friendly way to communicate the risk/reward of this program and what it means to the person who does not typically “owe” the state at the end of the year.</p> <p>This is not a deduction – it is a credit. You must be a tax payer in the state of IL to participate in the program.</p> <p>We had 77 students on the waitlist for this scholarship, we were able to provide only 10 students with scholarships.</p>		
Athletic Report	Tina	General update	<p>Intramural Basketball has paused until the State opens up again. It has been cancelled through the end of the year.</p> <p>There was a classroom wish-list created and teachers were able to ask for things for their classrooms. Athletics spent \$500-600 dollars and games and specific items were purchased and given to teachers yesterday.</p> <p>Basketball hoop project is officially done. All the lines have been drawn, hoop is in, backboards are up.</p>		

PA Report	Sandra	General Update	PA is continuing to look at fundraisers to make up for not having the major fundraisers this year.		
Finance Report	Mike	2021/2022 Tuition rates	<p>Tuition will increase about 3% next year. Last year, the teachers did not receive a raise aside for lane and step at 1.5% last year. This tuition rate increase will help to give the teachers and staff a raise. This will be an across the board raise. Teachers are different are a little different because they are under contract, where the staff does not have a contract so raises will vary for staff members.</p> <p>Currently tuition is \$4,936 and will increase to \$5,100 this will include the \$27 OCS fee. All other fees will remain fixed. This will remain competitive in the area. Concerns remain about comparisons with fees included as well as the multi-student family tuition. We do not have as much of a discount per student in a multi-student family, which is a big differential between Bede and other schools in our area. This is a historical difference as the subsidized money from the Arch and parish has decreased. St. Bede needed to make this change years ago to be more viable for the future.</p> <p>How do our fees compare to other schools in the area? Bottom line payments, what does this look like? Tina from on-line research reports that our fees look comparable to PoP. We have to remain competitive with schools in the area, and the multi-student discount will be a point of contention for potential families.</p> <p>The arch is recommending all schools raise tuition 3%.</p> <p>The parish can put \$ toward the school, but it will not be enough to make up the deficit.</p>		

			<p>Do we have to circle back to talk about the bus?</p> <p>There is still the question of how to retain families in our school who did not anticipate a private education but wanted to avoid e-learning.</p>		
General Topics	Round Table Discussion				

Future Agenda Placeholders			
Month	Who	Topic	
TBD		By-laws	