



St. Bede School Board

Meeting: Jan School Board Meeting

Members Present: Missy, Becky, Rebecca, Lauren, Heather, Ryan, Kari, Maria, Tina, Mike, Julianne, Sandra

Date:
Tues Jan 19th

Absent: None

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		No update		
Principals Report	Kari	General Updates	Empower IL match: We are currently at \$42,375, so we are very close to our goal of \$50,000. This closed last week, but another donor came forward and donated 1 million dollars to the diocese as a whole, so matching opened up again. Again, the state is		

			<p>having a 2 for 1 promotion so we will get at least \$120K for our school! 40 people have applied for Empower IL.</p> <p>Big Shoulders opened up and 70 people applied.</p> <p>Caritas has not opened up yet, and this funding comes directly from the Arch.</p> <p>Everyone should always apply for scholarships, because you never know what will be available and when!</p> <p>Registration packets/paperwork for 2021-2022 have been compiled and will go to current families on 1/25/2021. We will automatically re-enroll current families, and current families will have 2 weeks to complete forms such as bus agreements, EDP etc. before registration opens to the general public.</p> <p>Goals for 2021/2022– gain another K and 1st grade classroom. Based on interest, this is a real possibility. Interest is HIGH and tours have already started. We will not wait for “open house” to begin welcoming new families to St. Bede.</p> <p>Dr. Rigg updates included the intense stress that current teachers have been under, especially when they are managing online learners and in class learners. The long term virtual learning is a constant source of stress for teachers. In spite of this, we will stay the course for this school year in our current model. St. Bede currently has about 12 students who are e-learning. Discussions are in place about what to do next year should the same protocols need to be in place. Virtual learning will have to change for next school year to ensure we do not lose our quality teachers.</p> <p>The office got new phones today.</p>		
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			<p>Wifi need update – We got new switches and we had to order a new switch for the phone as the phone system is internet based. We are still “bogging down” between 1-1:15 (after lunch/recess when everyone is trying to log back in) Nancy is trying to work on tweaking the access points and work with what we have.</p> <p>Comments from parents is that we did not have poor connectivity while we were all remote learning for the last two weeks.</p>		
		Covid Updates	<p>St. Bede School currently has 0 positive cases and 0 close contact cases.</p> <p>Cook and Lake Counties have set up vaccination registration websites, and the Arch has been working to help teachers register for appointments. There will be 2 vaccine sites for educators in Lake County. Many teachers are pro-vaccine, and many have already registered. Anticipated times will be during the school day, and subs will be used to make sure teachers have the opportunity to get vaccinated.</p> <p>Dr. Rigg has retracted one of the quarantine guidelines related to a 7 day quarantine with a negative Covid test following domestic travel. It was decided that this was not best practice and would nullify the practice with a shorter quarantine period. The Arch reinstated a quarantine of 10 days for domestic travel and 14 days for international travel regardless of negative Covid testing results.</p> <p>Spring break protocols and end of year activities are in discussion with the Arch COVID team. Much of it will be dependent upon the vaccination roll out. Information will be forthcoming soon. End of year activities means all activities including graduation.</p>		

			There are no updates as to sports and when these can resume.		
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Marketing Report	Maria	CSW	<p>We have been getting lots of calls for new families – tours are starting now.</p> <p>For Catholic Schools Week, St. Bede put together a post card mailing that will go to selected zip codes in Ingleside, Round Lake, Lindenhurst (might be combined with Lake Villa) and Antioch. We are unsure if this included Fox Lake and Volo (this is over \$5000). A “circle demographic” with the Arch was conducted to determine where mailings should go based on certain household markers.</p> <p>Sandra explained tools from the Post Office that we can use to perhaps get cost down in the future or use for smaller mailers. She would be willing to help walk us through how to use these.</p> <p>Working on videos for virtual tours.</p> <p>We are also placing a full page ad, which will go out for a full year, in the Antioch Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>We also placed an ad in the Carmel Street Scenes booklet.</p> <p>Catholic Schools Week themes for every day – Sunday – Celebrate your parish, families will speak at mass at St. Bede, St. Peter, and St. Raphael, will give out lanyards and things after church Monday – celebrate the community – students to make posters for fire Tues – celebrate students – hot dog lunch for kids, no homework and out of uniform. E-learners will have something sent to them</p>	Maria to confirm Fox Lake/Volo	
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			<p>Wed – celebrate the nation – national spelling bee, wear red white and blue, Thurs – vocation – all school rosary, Fr. to come for a special blessing Fri – celebrate staff and volunteers, kids to do something for volunteers, math contest, spirit wear, virtual bingo (prizes for Bingo) Sat – celebrate family – requesting family pictures to put out on our communications</p>		
		Marketing			
Athletic Report	Tina	General Updates	<p>Sports are in standstill. We have entered into Teir 2 which should allow basketball intramurals to proceed. We are waiting for the Arch to give permission. Once we go to a Teir with less mitigation, we are going to be in contact with our conference and hope to resume some sports this year.</p>		
PA Report	Sandra	General Updates	<p>Need for committee members for picnic, playground, daddy daughter, teacher appreciation and golf outing</p> <p>Large social gatherings are not possible right now, but we are not cancelling, but differing times in hopes we might be able to do things at the end of the year.</p>		
Finance Report	Mike	Tuition	<p>Tuition was discussed again with the Turnaround team</p> <p>We did have a 3% increase in tuition. Minimal increases in fees. OCS fee will be incorporated in the tuition instead of a separate fee.</p> <p>Multiple student tuition will increase, but the percentage of increase was distributed in a more fair fashion. If the increase becomes too much for a family, they are encouraged to talk to Mike and Kari to see if we can help in another way.</p>		

General Topics	Round Table Discussion		<p>Where are we with classroom numbers? The specific numbers are not available, but we did get a new 2nd grade, 5th grade and possibly a preschool student. We do have 2 students who are moving out of state, but we gained 2 students so we are still at 230.</p> <p>Family directories came out today, and those contain a class list which was accurate as of today.</p> <p>We are going to plan for Covid restrictions as far as class sizes and hiring teachers.</p> <p>A music teacher is in the budget for next year, but as of right now, there is no singing. Intention is to hire a music teacher for next year. Mr. Meyer has said he will be retiring after this year, but he is a volunteer and will be VERY difficult to replace. Band is hoping to come back for next school year as well.</p>		
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Future Agenda Placeholders			
Month	Who	Topic	
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