



St. Bede School Board

Meeting: March School Board Meeting	Members Present: Missy, Tina, Julianne, Rebecca, Lauren, Ryan, Kari, Maria, Heather, Sandra, Mike, Becky
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Date: March 9 th 2021	Absent:
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Location: Zoom	Time 6:30PM Adjourn: 8:17
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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	Term Limits	Typically, a school year term is 3 years, with an ability to renew for 1 term for a total of 6 years. What are we willing to commit to? It is not good for all of us to renew and leave at the same time – who would be willing to commit to a 4 year or 5 year term. Refer to Missy’s notes.	Sandra or Missy should inform PA of this as it will affect the person	

			<p>It should be noted that the PA/School board liaison will roll to a “member at large” on the school board when PA term limits are done as PA term limits are 2 years vs. 3 on the school board.</p> <p>The president position is appointed. This will have to be a conversation between Missy and Kari to see how this will work and if the turnaround team will be involved.</p> <p>Missy will be vacating her spot at the end of this school year. The president position will be filled by someone currently on the board leaving one open position that will need to be filled.</p>	who is willing to fill that PA role	
		Bi-Laws	<p>Membership – How do we want to choose new members? What should we be following?</p> <p>Looking at the general constitution and bylaws to discuss issues related to the membership portions. Missy took notes within the bylaws/constitution for this portion of the meeting.</p>	Missy	Missy to share a retracted document showing proposed changes. Vote to make amendments next meeting
Principals Report	Kari	General updates	<p>Covid – no positive or close contact cases currently in our building. Spring break plans: there is a spreadsheet to keep data. So far, 20 families have reported their plans to the office. Families are going to be in quarantine for 10 days following their travel plans. Quarantine will be based on the state/country they are traveling to. Negative Covid tests are not going to be accepted. There will be updates sent via Bede Buzz, School Messenger and paper.</p> <p>End of year activities: OCS is holding on guidance for end of year activities. There is hope that health and safety requirements will be eased for Graduation ceremonies and dances. There is some</p>		

			<p>hope that these important events will get to move forward. As soon as Kari gets information and guidance, she will send this information and all hands on deck will be needed to plan.</p> <p>Summer Activities are also on hold. Guidance will be given as soon as there is enough data to create plans.</p> <p>Guidance will apply to all activities through the school, parish and 3rd party vendors (that we would bring into the school to perform duties, ex: Spanish program)</p> <p>We are working on a grant – the Governor’s Emergency Education Fund. The government has allocated 2.75 BILLION dollars – grant due March 21st, but it was set up specifically for schools like us. Mike, Karen, and Kari have been working on this. This might give us \$110/student. The funding formula will be based on low income and total enrollment. This is time sensitive and very time consuming. This might allow us to be reimbursed for all the items needed for COVID – ex: extra chrome books, cleaning supplies, etc. This also helps with purchases in the near future. We were notified of this grant through OCS.</p>		
Athletic Report	Tina	General updates	<p>We have received guidance from OCS regarding safely beginning athletic programs again. It was put on the school to say if each school will be participating. The athletic directors and principals met. The guidance given was that the cohorts would have to be kept together and there would be no spectators allowed. If a positive case on the opposing team came up, both school cohorts would have to quarantine. Because of this it was felt that we would continue with our intramural program. Basketball will begin again. Athletics is going to meet to discuss any further activities they can offer.</p>		

PA Report	Sandra	General updates	We still need people for the picnic, golf outing, teacher appreciation, and playground committees. We have a Falcon Night Out on March 16. Pi Day begins on March 17.		
Marketing/Enrollment	Maria	General updates	Scholarships – 16 funding confirmed students. The scholarships are 100%. We have 66 on the wait list. Enrollment for next 178 total with 17 new students for next school year.		
Finance Report	Mike	General updates	Mike is working on the budget for the turnaround group. One component is the bussing issue. Because of the Antioch bus route, we are trying to work with Antioch school district the same way we are working with Round Lake, Big Hollow, etc. The budget group is looking at perhaps a centralized location such as St. Peter’s church for pick up. The Antioch route is proving more complex than other schools. This would be a big cost help. This would negatively impact families in Lake Villa/Northern Round Lake. We should poll the families to see what they say. One big need is that we require someone to be able to supervise kids to get on the bus. This could be a new “job” for the parish or we can use volunteer hours to fulfill this need. Would the district bus all the students to Antioch Middle School and then bus to St. Bede from there? This would exclude Emmons families. Maybe families who fall outside the school boundaries, could meet at St. Peter church and the school will make 2 stops for us – one at AUGs and one at St. Peter Church. Other school districts charge between 50-75/day for bus service. This equals between 9,000 and 12,000 per school year. The charge of the bus service is mostly recouped by family fees for the service. The school loses around 2-3,000 per bus service. Why do we not use the HS busses: we were dropped from HS based on advice from attorneys due to the age group difference. Fox Lake will not		

			<p>accommodate us despite the lack of that age group difference. Gavin is a free service based on school district boundaries.</p> <p>The FACTS account will be charged soon for registration/FACTS fees for the upcoming year.</p>		
General Topics	Round Table Discussion		<p>Would it be helpful to get a “save the date” on the calendar for some of our activities? We need to determine what we would like to see in the last 3 months of school – maybe what we would like to do most. Perhaps we need to do something parent oriented as a primary goal. As much as we have tried to capture our school community, we have not been able to show who we are as a community nor have we been able to include all parents in our community and showcase how great our community is.</p> <p>Can the school board share who is on the principal search committee or at least share what role they might share? This information is guarded to prevent bias. The turn around committee is going to follow the regular principal search program – but this should include 3 voting members of the school board.</p>		

Future Agenda Placeholders			
Month	Who	Topic	
		Next month’s meeting will be the general principal’s report followed by a more in-depth conversation related to the rest of the constitution and bylaws. We will forego all other topics to concentrate on amending the necessary documentation to carry this board into the future.	
