

Christ the King - Educational Steering Board (ESB)

Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2021

Attendance: - Father Cook, Father Boyd, Chris Segrell, Amy Becker, Casey Beran, Mary Carnazzo, Mark Dahir, Dan Douglas, Tom Kelley, Jerry Kinney, Kerri Kubat, Tom McGill, Dominic Vaccaro, Jamie Walker

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. November 17 meeting minutes approved by members present
- III. Pastor's Report
 - a. Father shared that the Pastoral Council building out some committees to be more active on the Parish's behalf. They are doing a survey to gather parish info and creating a committee to look at ministry & service – both here in Omaha and possibly service trips.
 - b. Father briefly shared some insights on the second school initiative.
- IV. Principal's Report (key highlights)
 - a. Chris provided his report in advance.
 - b. The Board acknowledged all of the hard work the school and parent community have been doing to keep our kids at CTK full time.
 - c. Chris reported teachers were extremely grateful for the generous teacher gift this year.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Tom provided the Marketing report in advance
 - b. Tom highlighted the work that Nic Prenger, Carolyn Sutton, and Dan Douglas are doing to help market the school.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Tom McGill discussed Project Initiation Framework and recommended that Parish / School leadership use it going forward. Fr. Cook and Mr. Segrell open to the approach. Took it to review and provide feedback
 - b. Mary Carnazzo led a review of the bylaws and a discussion on the role of the board. Both the Board and parish/school leadership are open and interested in a more involved Board. Highlights of conversation
 - i. Father expressed interest in the Board helping the school to dream big and consider the possibilities for what CTK school can be.
 - ii. Mr. Segrell agreed that he wants the ESB to be more involved. The ESB used to have a lot of active committees, some including teachers.
 - iii. The group discussed having one or more subcommittees that could include both board members and parent volunteers who could take an active role on budget input and curriculum / program input.
 - iv. The group discussed that the Board might be able to help raise \$ for the teachers that the school needs.
 - v. Chris reminded the Board of the changes re Spanish and Art. Spanish was a planned cut related to budget. The Art teacher had an opportunity come up and Chris decided not to fill the position due to budget outlook at that time w/ COVID. CTK kept art class in different ways and teachers integrated it into the rest of the curriculum
 - vi. Board is open to adjusting the meeting schedule to meet the needs of the school administration in order to be a good partner and provide input.

- c. Spanish Language Program Discussion
 - i. Jerry Kinney spoke briefly about the benefits of CTK implementing a strong Spanish program. A strong program can set CTK kids up for an advanced Spanish track in high school or, at the very least, put them in a position to do well in regular Spanish I
 - ii. Jerry provided some recommendations on how CTK could implement a strong Spanish program w/ limited resources, e.g. focus on Middle School and/or combine in-person instruction w/ an online component. Jerry offered to help consult if CTK could find the budget to add a Spanish teacher
 - iii. The group agreed that families want a strong Spanish program at CTK. At this point it's a question of budget.
- d. ESB Member Nominations
 - i. We have a lot of strong candidates already with more expressing interest
 - ii. General timeline is to submit info forms by 03/12, vote in the April meeting, and invite new members for next year to the May meeting
- VII. Parent Comments / General Concerns / Questions
 - a. Discussion of new Confirmation program. Fr. Cook explained the intent of the new program. A couple group members acknowledged they hadn't considered some of the points Father raised and recommended that Fr. hold an informational session w/ 7th grade families. Father agreed to do so.
- VIII. Closing prayer and the meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Tom McGill