

LaSalle Catholic School Board Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2020

Present: Angie Katrichis, Father Noah Diehm, Jake Cota, Shannon Brimeyer, Julie Deutmeyer, Roberta Smith, Sara Wilgenbusch and Cindy Hunt

Absent: Susan Hucker

Meeting was brought to order at 7:10 by President, Angie Katrichis.

Father Diehm led the group in prayer

Reports:

Finance:

- No end-of-year statement at this time
- The finance committee will provide a re-cast budget hopefully at the next meeting.
- The July finances have nothing out of the ordinary showing at this point
- The scrip rebate total was \$5624.34 which half goes to the school (\$2812.13) and the other half goes to the families that participated in the program
 - Julie is planning to work with Susan on ideas of how to advertise the program to new families, as well as current families.

Facilities:

- Jake is still waiting on a bid from Pierce regarding the leaking windows in the freezer room

Board Gram: getting ready to back to school safely/COVID-style

Principal's Report:

- Registration has increased by 3 students
- We are sharing an art teacher with Xavier; it is a substitute for now but they're still looking to hire; she will be in the building one day a week
- Hopeful that a decision will be made regarding all day 3 year old preschool by Aug. 31st and to add after-school care as well
- Gained 1 child over last year's numbers, at least at this point
- Recess and lunch will be separated between classes; Pre-K, kindergarten and 1st graders will have lunch first, followed by recess; grades 2-6 will have recess first, then lunch; this plan will be followed until further notice

Pastor's Report:

- Father is sure it will be an odd financial year with COVID. It will be a year of little to no projects or unnecessary projects; hoping to maintain the financial situation
- The relationship between the parishes and the school could be very lean
- Father would like to hold off on weekly Mass until at least Sept. or until a better plan is put into place
- Prayer services will be held while there is no mass
- More than likely no singing for the kids at this time during Mass

Strategic Planning:

- Meetings have been moved to zoom with the larger groups
- When following the original strategic planning plan, there is LOTS of writing in year 2; the committee would like to accelerate the plan to year 3 when the “actions” take place; they feel that we are in a critical place and need to start moving on the actions to improve our numbers now
- The “Action” committee will be made up of parents, parishioners that love the school and they will start “pounding the pavement” to find new families and students
- Angie will meet with Kim Hermsen in the coming weeks
- Please let Angie know if you have any suggestions for members on the “Action” committee

New Business:

- Fundraising: We need more clarification on the rules for the mailing the tickets before we can make a decision on the fall cash raffle; Susan will get back to us with more information
- Roberta will look at options for a potential “virtual” Great Gobble Galore
- Continuous Learning- how will we pay the hourly employees if
 - 1) An hourly employee is diagnosed with COVID- it is decided that we will pay the employee for up to 14 days
 - 2) An hourly employee is off because the entire school went to virtual learning- the employee may be needed to help sanitize and disinfect all areas while kids are out of the building; they could then draw unemployment for the time they are off so the school isn’t paying

St. Joseph Parish (Rickardsville) hosted a pork sale in place of their regular parish auction and graciously donated \$5000 of their proceeds to the school. The check was presented by Board Member Sara Wilgenbusch.

Archdiocesan Review: This year we have reviewed 4000-6000 series. The board cannot change these policies, but must be aware of them

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Roberta and seconded by Julie at 8:06 PM.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, Sept. 17th at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by: Cindy Hunt, Secretary