

La Salle Catholic School Board Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2020

Present: Julie, Angie, Susan, Cindy, Sara, Jake and Roberta

Absent: Shannon and Father Diehm

Prayer was led by Susan

The minutes were not available from the last meeting to approve. Hopefully they will be sent out later this week.

Reports:

Finance: There was not a finance report. The committee had not met at this point.

Facilities: The water fountain/water bottle filling station has been installed. Susan is still looking for a volunteer to build a step stool for the little ones.

The fire marshal sent back the report and we have to apply for a variance for the intruder locks. There were also several EXIT signs that did not work. New signs have been ordered and Jerry Errthum will start installing them.

All of the summer cleaning has been finished.

Jake is working on quotes for having the basement wall to be waterproofed and to get the block laid to close up the windows.

Recruitment & Enrollment: The 2nd letter to preschool and younger parish members has been sent out. There has been some very positive feedback from these letters. The 3rd letter is waiting to go out, but Susan and Angie are waiting on guidelines from the Dept. of Ed. to become available so we can high-light what La Salle plans to do for the kids when they return.

Board In-Service: No one watched/read what was available.

Principal's Report: Terri Ellerbach will be teaching the "academic" portion of music. She will be in the building a couple hours a week. We are splitting her with Dyersville. Marti Gaul will still be helping with Mass music and to help prepare the Christmas program.

Susan is still waiting on a few registrations. She is trying to get in touch with parents from last year to confirm if they're coming back or not. It's looking like we'll have 10 first graders, there is a 3rd grader that is possibly NOT coming back; Susan is hoping that registration will pick-up a bit once the guidelines have been confirmed. She suspects that preschool registration may be down across the board as parents may be reluctant to send the littles with the implications and dangers of COVID.

La Salle will still participate in counseling services with Catholic Charities, however, all meetings will be held via zoom, both group sessions and single sessions.

Technology looks to be a hot topic with all school districts. It seems as if the Governor is planning to use discretionary funds to help “hot spots” with internet access. This is why it’s important for ALL households to complete the “technology” survey that was sent out.

It was decided, by the Dept. of Ed. that school days WILL be required this year and that even if school is virtual, kids could be considered “truant” if they are not participating in classes or turning in their homework. However, it looks like each district/school will be able to decide what “participation” looks like.

The board reviewed the proposed school calendar vs. the WD calendar. It’s the same calendar, for the most part, that the other local Catholic schools are using. We will start Aug. 20 vs. WD’s start date of Aug. 13. There was a motion to approve the proposed calendar by Julie and it was seconded by Cindy.

The board went into closed session from 7:29-7:53. There was a motion to approve the hiring of the proposed 1st grade teacher with the option of team teaching and with the flexibility to move up levels, if needed. This motion was proposed by Roberta and seconded by Jake.

New Business:

There was motion to approve the increase in lunch prices to \$3.00 by Julie and this was seconded by Cindy.

There was also a motion to approve the offering of breakfast by Sara and seconded by Julie. There are breakfast options, both cold and hot, for \$1-1.50. The board would like some way to notify parent’s that kids are allowed to eat breakfast or not so that the parents know how much money is being spent. Susan said she would work with Karen on possibilities and something would be worked out before registration.

It was approved that families who need additional assistance could be given \$500 from the local tuition assistance fund. Two families have already asked.

There was a motion to approve all day 3-year old tuition at \$95.00 by Roberta that was seconded by Jake. This is the same price that parents pay for the extra day of 4 year preschool.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM by Jake and seconded by Julie. A meeting date was set for July 20th to discuss any matters regarding the “return to learn” plan or the hiring of the new teacher. It is set for a zoom meeting at this time, with the possibility of the board meeting at Breitbach’s for dinner.