

La Salle Catholic School Board Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2021

Present: Angie Katrichis, Susan Hucker, Father Diehm, Sara Wilgenbusch, Julie Deutmeyer, Cindy Hunt, Roberta Smith, Jake Cota, Shannon Brimeyer and guest Beverly Ambrosy

The meeting was called to order by President Angie Katrichis at 7:05 PM and prayer was led by Father.

The minutes from the last meeting were adjusted to read "The lunch account is not quite in the black for December, but should be when the numbers come in for January." The minutes were then approved by Sara and seconded by Julie.

Finance Report:

-Subsidy payments are up-to-date for all parishes at this time; the \$63,000 PPP loan was forgiven and has already been used but it can now be reflected in the statement

-Fuel for the year is at \$7200 which is down from last year at this point

-The school received \$2921 for lunch reimbursement

-No subsidy rebates to the parishes at this point; Father did find out that parishes are NOT eligible for PPP loans because there are not enough employees and we are not suffering a 25% or more loss at this point

-2021-2022 Budget worksheets were discussed; there was an option that included hiring another teacher as well as keeping to what we are doing now with staff; The budget that included hiring another teacher showed us at almost an \$82,000 LOSS; the finance committee would like to see other options that include less of a deficit; Susan will pull together a parent survey asking what they would like to see regarding classes; possibly multi-aging and moving between classes/grades like the second grade did this year; this should be done before the next meeting

-The chemical guy was at the school and we are on track for what we have budgeted at this point

Recruitment & Enrollment:

-No committee meetings have been held at this point; birthday cards are still being handmade by 3rd-4th graders and sent out to all parish kids under the age of 5; La Salle has a 1st-2nd grade indoor soccer team and will be playing on Sundays at the Dyersville rec center; Father encouraged the board to think about connecting with city council/city clerks to distribute the school newsletter via email so get the news out about the school

Cindy-Rickardsville Shannon – Balltown Jake- Sherrill Susan – Holy Cross Julie – Luxemburg

-Susan and the teachers will try to get something taped and put together to distribute to local nursing homes of the kids singing

Board In-Service: Since no one really makes an effort or has time to look at the board in-service info, it was suggested that a board member is assigned each month to look at it and then bring 1 or 2 things back to the board that was insightful, a learning experience or something we could use in daily living; Cindy volunteered to do this for the March meeting

Principal's Report:

-Teachers/staff that wanted to vaccine have had their 1st round; Mike Deutmeyer installed the projectors and teachers are helping each other learn to use them and use the various features; the new phone system was recently installed and seems to be working well; There were 30 positive responses done at this time regarding the last parent survey; A motion was made by Father and seconded by Julie to keep April 1st and 6th as “Off days” and NOT make-up days to follow WD; WD will be posting calendar options for 2021-2022 that could include an early out, Susan encouraged us ALL to vote if that comes to fruition; The school will take over the can collection, at least until May; it will be reassessed at that point

Pastor’s Report:

-Father has started emailing a “Family Message” to include in the newsletter and to send to Faith Formation families

-Unfortunately, due to weather, Catholic Schools Week Masses did not happen; they have not been rescheduled at this point

-Father is all-for kids helping/participating in Mass

-Father will start adding “lunch days with the kids” to his calendar

Spring Social Update:

-Invites will go out first of March; Facebook graphics have been added to the Facebook page and we will start blasting baskets and auction items as soon as the committee gets items together; will need volunteers on the day of the meal; the committee isn’t sure what donations we will need at this point since we aren’t providing desserts or alcohol as in the past

Child Care Update:

-Bev and Susan met with Brian Maiers and he shared info about the partnership Elma, Iowa has regarding a child care facility; he also shared that he has spoken with Ann McDonough & The Greater Dubuque Development Corporation and they are both interested in helping

-The school needs to decide what type/how big of a role we want to play in this endeavor

-The board would like to meet with Brian and the Holy Cross finance committee in a separate meeting to discuss options and get more information; this would also be a fact-finding meeting

SWOT Analysis

-Angie would like all board members to complete the SWOT analysis so she can gather information for their next consultation meeting; she encouraged board members to contact her if they had questions; she is asking teachers, board members, committee members and members of the parish to fill out the SWOT analysis so she gets a good mix of information to present

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 by Julie and was seconded by Father and Sara

Meeting minutes submitted by: Cindy Hunt