

St. Benedict Catholic School
School Board Meeting
August 12, 2021
St. Benedict Church Hall

Call to order: 6:04 pm

Opening prayer: Father Hertges

Attendance: Sarah Christopher, Steve Haluska, Father Hertges, Elizabeth Kane, Jenn Kuehner, Michelle McLain-Kruse, Kristy Meyer, Darin Monroe

Review Minutes: no minutes to review, tabled until September

Budget Review: Steve Haluska reviewed last year's budget. Expenses for FY21 were higher than income.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Steve Haluska – staff is coming in next week, Tues – Fri for inservice, school starts Aug 23rd.

Steve contacted Mark Lane re: note from Archdioceses stating that kids riding on public transportation, all kids need to wear masks. By law, wearing of masks can't be required.

New staff: Ellie Steffen, Special Ed Teacher.

Meals are covered for all students.

1. Roof repair – planned on 3 drains, actually 7 are bad. Casper is doing drain repair. Roofing company does the rest. Asbestos samples were collected and testing is happening, over where paper is stored.
2. Boiler - pipes need to be cleaned.

Enrollment numbers are good.

Financial/Budget: Father Hertges – planning on Meatball Supper, October 28, 2021, 4-7 pm, projecting it to be drive-up only. Planning on 1,000 meatballs, up from 700 from last year. Church income: July \$43K envelopes, Catholic Foundation \$100K, parishioner \$10K for school endowment and \$20K for church. Donate button on website, looking at ways to increase online donations. Discussing re-implementation on passing of baskets on Sundays.

Building: refer to Administrative for building notes.

Parent School Association: Elizabeth Kane – Community building event is planned for August 27, 2021. An issue with insurance and vendors arose.

Strategic Planning: First meeting with Mindy Hart on August 31, at the Church Hall, 4 pm. Strategic planning team will go to Cedar Falls, Sept 22 and 23. All schools are represented at the Cedar Falls meeting.

Banquet: it was discussed.

Faculty: no report

Old business:

Endowment fund: St. Benedict's School has an endowment fund with approximately \$14K. Father Hertges and Kristy will talk to Bonnie and then the CFAD to see how the endowment funds work.

EANS Funding Update: Funding was approved to hire Judy Moen as a Reading Interventionist.

Building use: building is for school use only.

New Business:

Registration: 159 students are on the roster for right now.

Scrip: There can be a SCRIP table at mass. Trying to figure out how to sell through the school – in person. Also suggested to increase online sales.

Staff and parent handbooks: Handbooks and updates were reviewed. Jenn Kuehner made motion to approve, Sarah second, motion carried.

Music and Spec Ed Hires: See Administrative summary above.

Retirement: Lori Eastwood is retiring in January.

Policy Review Series7000-9000: This was reviewed.

RTL Information: COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention Plan for 2021-2022 school year was discussed.

Next meeting, September 9, 2021, 6 pm, St. Benedict's Church Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.