

St. Benedict Catholic School  
School Board Meeting  
October 14, 2021  
St. Benedict Parish Center

**Call to order:** 6:02 pm

**Opening prayer:** Sarah Christopher

**Attendance:** Sarah Christopher, Judy Franzen, Father Hertges, Elizabeth Kane, Jenn Kuehner, Michelle McLain-Kruse, Kristy Meyer, Darin Monroe, Al Weis

**Guests:** Elle Steffen, Jennie Murphy, Auny Pole

**Review Minutes:** Motion to approve August minutes, by Elizabeth Kane, second by Jenn Kuehner, motion carried.

**Budget Review:** Kristy sent budget financials. Deposits for September were down, hope to see increase in October. Motion to approve budget by Sarah, second by Al, motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Administrative: Steve –**

1. Commend PSA on their hard work and outstanding fundraising ideas into the fall.
2. Inservice on October 18, 2021, staff will recertify in CPR and plan for PT conferences.
3. School musical – Peter Pan, October 20, 2021 at 1 and 7 pm at Decorah Middle School.
4. Thank you to Jess Tangen, staff and students for another successful “Walk to School” on October 6, 2021.
5. FAST testing this fall – we fell just short of our goal of 80% students at benchmark.
6. Judy Moen has resigned her position as Reading Interventionist – In process of filling the position.
7. Many thanks to all who have contributed to the roof replacement project.

**Financial/Budget: Al –**

Met September 14, 2021. Paid off capital campaign, now legacy money is split as 70% is put in savings to build CAFTA fund and 30% is put in the checkbook, approved by Parish Council. Budget envelopes and church attendance are down. \$100K was moved from CAFTA fund to pay for expenses. Meatball supper, October 28, 2021, from 4-7 pm; the goal is to sell 1,000 dinners. New fire alarms were purchased for the church.

**Building: Darin -** talked to Kenny, roof is not leaking.

**PSA: Elizabeth –**

4 fundraisers:

1. Soup supper, October 15, 2021, drive thru pickup, over \$3,000 profit;
2. Impact Coffee, poinsettia and winter outdoor items sale fundraiser. Items to be distributed the 1<sup>st</sup> week in December;
3. Mike Reicks Chicken, November 14, 2021, 11 am – 2 pm. Drive thru pickup, no pre-order, planning on serving 800 meals.
4. Pancake dinner during Catholic Schools week in January.

**Strategic Planning: Sarah –**

Fr. Hertges and others attended a two-day seminar on September 22, 23, lot of repeat information from 2019. Goals are: 1. Appoint a communication coordinator and getting more people involved. 2. Create a communication team and a marketing team. October 19, tracking meeting with Mindy Hart.

**Recruitment/Betterment/SIAC**

**Banquet –** nothing to report, need someone to orchestrate. Online or in person?

**Faculty: Judy -**

There are some fun projects going on in the school:

Third grade presenting dioramas on a book they have read and went to the Buffalo Ranch today, October 14, 2021. Reconciliation prep has started in second grade.

The 7th/8th grade will perform *Peter Pan - A Musical Adventure* next Wednesday Oct 20th at 1:00 and 7:00 at the Carrie Lee Auditorium.

5th Grade - DARE is in full swing, taught by Officer Nick Yaneff of the DPD.

Luther music students will be coming to 6 (or 7?) different classrooms for a total of 5 weeks, beginning at the end of October to do some short lessons with students.

Mathcounts will be starting for middle school.

Student Council will begin.

Walk to School was once again a fun and beautiful day.

### **Old Business:**

**EANS and II Update:** Darin – Money is in for EANS I, EANS II is currently on hold.

**Registration Numbers for 21-22:** 158 students from preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, up 5 from last year.

**STO report for 21-22:** Affected 55 students, received just over \$44,000, will get first half Oct 29, second half in January

**Special Education Hire:** Elle Steffens

**Roof:** Thanks to all that have contributed to roof project, \$49,000 has been raised. Over \$3,000 has been raised for soup supper.

**Dress Code: Jennie Murphy** – Dress code needs to be updated with current language that the students can understand.

Jenny can assist with this to update next year's dress code. It was suggested to begin discussion during spring of 2022.

### **New Business:**

**Lori Eastwood** is staying on through the end of the year.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences: November 2 and 3, 2021,** online

**SRI:** Completed

**Enrollment Certification:** Completed

**Covid Reporting:** Archdiocese has Covid spreadsheet, Kristy has to keep daily record.

**Mask Discussion:** Covid Mitigation and Prevention plan will be re-circulated, along with CDC guidance posted on the doors and a potential mask/sanitizer station will be set up next to each set of doors. Air purifiers were discussed.

**Resignation –**

Closed session. Motion to go into closed session at 7:02 1<sup>st</sup> by AI, second by Sarah, motion carried.

Closed session ended at 8:04 pm.

### **Future Business:**

Next meeting, November 11, 6 pm, St. Benedict's Church Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.