

St. Catherine of Siena Board of Catholic Education Minutes for Meeting of August/September, 2018

Opening Prayer: Fr. Stef

Roll Call: Present: Father Stef, Julie Scherer, Theresa Broering, Martie Wolking (transition as past president), Carol Smith, Nancy Browning (new president), Judy Newberry, Jen Kirst, Gwen Fields, Raymond Schlosser, , Absent: Excused: Ashley Cox

Agenda Topic: Dan's Boosters/Sports item will be tabled until next meeting. He could not attend the alternate meeting date.

Pastor's Report

Father Stef reviewed the role of the board as a consultative board to help the pastor make decisions regarding the educational programs at St. Catherine. The board makes specific educational policies and recommends them to the pastor. Persons seeking to present to the board should contact the board president with a request to be placed on the agenda. While the board meetings are open and parishioners are invited to attend, the board meetings generally are not structured to allow open questions from the floor. Decisions taken by the board take place using a consensus model. It is not the proper place for a parent to discuss a particular concern about their child nor specific questions regarding a teacher or school employee. Those are discussions for other people and other venues. It may be that this board may field questions and issues but that it redirect sthe discussion to the PTO or other committees or persons. For now we will see if the school committee can remain on hold. It will be seen by the principal as we move forward whether such a smaller group may be needed within or separate from the PTO as a whole. Father Stef's ultimate concern was that the needs of the parents and the needs of the school be met.

CRE: Theresa Broering--We currently have 57 Families with 88 students in this year's CCD program. The program was just getting underway.

Principal's Report

155 students currently. That is down 20 students and 14 families from last year. Kindergarten class is smaller this year. We will collect exit interviews if possible from students who discontinue. We often lose a group out of 5th grade that go to Highlands Middle School. A list of positions and personnel was presented. Father asked for a report for next meeting to update how many students and which reading programs we are using. Technology: We are having some issues. The computer lab was removed and perhaps that was premature as we don't yet quite have enough devices to the one-to-one. There 127 Chromebooks but 155 students. The filters are blocking some needed content. We have purchased mice for the lower grades. We need some carts to store Chromebooks.

List of employees and positions. (Still looking for Spanish and cafeteria manager.

Chairperson's Report

Marty was chair for three years. Nancy thanked Marty for her service. Orientation for new members at the Diocese is Sept. 12th. Father is looking for our 6th member. Three documents were included for dates of new meetings and members etc. (See attachments)

Standing Committees:

Nancy asked member to consider serving on one of these standing committees and let her know by the next meeting. These committees would make monthly reports to the full board.

Evaluation/Executive Nancy Browning

Policy Review Committee Review the policies in our binders to make sure that they are still relevant.

Finance Committee/Liason

Adjournment:

Closing Prayer: