

St. Catherine of Siena Board of Catholic Education
Minutes for Meeting of 08/04/2019

Opening Prayer: Nancy filling in for Father Stef.

Roll Call: Present: Father Stef, Julie Scherer, Carol Smith, Nancy Browning, Judy Newberry, Gwen Fields, Raymond Schlosser, Ashley Cox, Kip Perkins, Sarah Weinel
Absent: Jen Kirst and Excused: Father Stef had an emergency call

Note: The regular March meeting was cancelled because several members were unable to attend and we would lack a quorum and no pressing business beyond the regular items on the agenda. The April meeting was cancelled because it fell during spring break.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Stef) (Submitted by Nancy)

Electrical Update-We are going to have a test run on air conditioning on Wednesday. We were able to move forward with that. Only one family had contacted father Stef and requested their donation be returned.

He will be going to a mass of the holy family on Sept. 6th.

Principal's Report (Julie Scherer)

Enrollment: We are expecting 152 for this year. We ended last year at 154. We will have 13 new families. We are down to 5 in 6th grade.

Sarah Ashmore was hired as a full time intervention teacher that will allow her time to get into the classrooms. We hired a Spanish teacher, Johann Ashley. James Hubbard was hired to do junior high social studies and math. We are looking an offer

Title II monies will go towards professional development. Title IV monies will be used for the new Spanish books. We were not eligible for title monies for any of our Fort Thomas residents. Nancy was able to ask a variety of questions of about that and suggested Julie follow up with some questions.

We have one more year on our Iowa testing. Most schools have switched to the MAP Growth testing from NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association). There were questions about our scores. The discussion was that the Iowa testing reports make it difficult to make comparisons on scores from one year to the next because they are comparing new groups of students each year. Part of the appeal of MAP testing is that it tracks the achievement of the same students over time.

Score Safety–Julie attended the tabletop testing discussion with the first responders from Kenton county. Boosters have purchased 8 Stop the Bleed emergency aid kits. We would eventually like to have 17 total to cover each classroom and common spaces. The air conditioning installation caused the mirror that monitored the door to be taken down. We are looking at some version of a device that will allow that space to be monitored/

Religious Education Report (Kip Perkins)

Kip has taken over as the administrator of the religious education program. He handed out a list of some changes that he would like to see in the CCD handbook related especially as related to attendance and some emergency safety procedures. His sense is that enrollment seems to be about the same. The first session will be Sept. 8th. He has put together a calendar for the year for the program. Open House will be the 25th.

Evaluation/Planning Committee Report (Nancy Browning)

Nancy has sent out several documents for review about scheduling meetings etc. Because of the calendar this year we may have more meetings than usual that do not conflict. Sarah and Ashley are scheduled for the new member orientation. We were looking our selfevaluation and setting some goals. She wants teachers know that we support them and get feedback from faculty on their needs. Julie was looking at how we might work on that. Nancy passed out planning sheets for goals for this year.

Policy Review Committee Report (Gwen Fields, Raymond Schlosser)

Nancy reviewed the policies reviewed last year. Gwen had copies for the policies 1-5. Gwen asked how we would want to proceed with the remaining policies.

Father Stef's guideline was that policy should come from the response to a need, solve a problem, take advantage of an opportunity to grow, to change, and/or to stabilize St. Catherine School.

Public Relations/Marketing Committee Report (Jenn Kirst, Ashley Cox)

No Report.

Finance: Jenn Kirst absent.

Adjournment:

Closing Prayer: Nancy