

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date: October 14, 2020

Time: 7pm

Called to order by Mark Niedzwiecki at 7:05pm

In Attendance

Fr. Tom Fangman

Tawnya Mann – Asst. Principal

Mark Niedzwiecki

Jim Ridder

Kami Landenberger – Principal

Meg Schwartz

Candace Thompson – Asst. Principal (via FaceTime)

Brad Peal

Kelly Parr

Alexis Beller

Matt Graves

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were motioned to approve, seconded, and were unanimously approved.

President's Report

SAB Meeting Calendar

November and January meetings need to be moved to the 3rd Wednesday due to limited meeting space availability on campus due to RF activities.

SAB Goal Setting

Formal goal setting tabled until the spring. Focus will be on supporting the needs of the school, teachers and staff through the pandemic.

Committee Reports

Home and School - Kami

- Spirit wear sales are high
- Halloween parties will be held in a socially distanced manner – no parade
- Monthly surprises for staff are being planned – food truck on 10/19 for staff
- Fundraisers are being supported – wreath sales will replace poinsettias for Christmas

Finance – Brad P.

- Sub-groups are getting started

School Operations – no meeting has been held yet.

Parish Pastoral Council – Matt/Fr. Tom

- SPIRIT most likely virtual – date moved to February 20, 2021

Old Business

Parish end of year financial statement indicated a \$186k deficit in revenue for the school. A question was asked in September of what sources lead to the deficit. Follow-up revealed that no deficit existed, it was an error from the budgeting process.

New Business

No new business discussed.

Principal's Report

Parent Survey Summary

Mostly positive responses. Most concerns were with middle school restrictions. The administration is looking for ways to alleviate the concerns to help both the teachers and students. The School Improvement Team is vetting ideas. Adding music back to the curriculum might be next enhancement.

The staff was also surveyed and the overall responses were also positive.

COVID-19 Update

Weekly updates sent out by nursing staff to all families. Large number of kids currently quarantined (43) due to exposure at outside events indicated by contact tracing. No virus spread has occurred at school.

Textbook Adoption 2020 2021

Science is due to be updated in 2021. Social studies is due up in Elkhorn Public in 2021. If St. Pat's adopts the same curriculum updates as EPS, it results in cost savings for us. Thus, looking at updating social studies in 2021 and science in 2022.

Elkhorn calendar announcement

EPS had altered their calendar to conduct e-learning for the weeks following Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Breaks in an effort to mitigate the COVID spread following times where people may travel or gather more than usual. The response has been mixed. St. Pats will monitor and continue successful mitigation efforts.

St. Pat's Pandemic Plan

The substitute teacher pool is extremely limited. Specials teachers may be used as subs if needed. The Pandemic Planning team had a follow-up meeting on 10/16/20.

Pastor's Remarks

Proud of the administration team and the stress they have successfully dealt with this unique school year. Quarantining of kids causes a lot of friction. The teachers are under a tremendous amount of stress. Small gestures of kindness go along way. Expressed gratitude for every parishioner's commitment of stewardship.

Remaining Meeting Dates

November 18

December 9 (maybe no meeting – social instead?)

January 20

February 10

March 17

April 14

May 12

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.