



ST. MARY SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, September 22, 2010

Large Meeting Room, 7pm

In Attendance: Msgr. Michael Rose, Jeannie MacDonough, Beth Berg, Stephanie Muzzy, Courtney Mayo Silvani, Colleen Clifford (zoom), Matthew Beaton, Brigid Carlson, Gabriel Beltran

Call to order:

- Opening Prayer
- May Minutes Accepted
- Prayer Assignments for 2020-2021 (no snacks)
 - November – Courtney Mayo Silvani
 - January- Colleen Clifford
 - March – Brigid Carlson
 - May – Gabriel Beltran
- Members Contact Information updated
- Committee assignments were reviewed for the year

Principal's Report

Jeannie thanked the members of the Re-Opening of School Committee for their work over the weeks of summer. Virtual orientation for Parents went well. Virtual orientation for Remote students. The first week of school was a phased in week with one half of student body attending for two half days Tuesday/Thursday, and the second half on Wednesday/Friday. The lunch schedule was re-worked several times during the first full week of school as the younger children needed more time for transition. The teachers have sought feedback from students learning remotely. There are some technology issues as Google classroom is new for the younger students. The remote learners came into school one day to meet with teachers and become familiarized with Google Classroom. Cheryl Dolan worked with the SMPA to help procure donations as well as the outdoor tent.

St. Mary School is still in need of a technology director after Joe Sposato's departure in mid-September. There were only two candidates and one withdrew his application. The school may need to split the job and seek a part time technology teacher and an IT support person. There are companies in Worcester that could provided network and server support. One parent has offered to help out with a "to do" technology list. Gabriel Beltran has also offered to help. The Gr. 6,7 & 8 technology curriculum includes coding, web design, app design, STEM related, 3D printers. It was suggested that a student from WPI might be available to teach.

SMPA has procured a radio for the front office that connects directly with the Shrewsbury Police Dept. There is also one in the Shrewsbury schools and St. John's.

MAP testing begins next week until October 16.

NEASC has offered a virtual meeting for the 2 year review on 10/6 with Jeannie, Cheryl & Fr Mike. Jeannie announced that she will be away from St. Mary's for 4-6 weeks beginning October 7. She will be donating one of her kidneys to her brother in Washington, DC.

Finance Update

The was a loss for this past fiscal year, but it will be covered by the Payment Protection Program when the loan is forgiven.

Projecting a loss for FY 2021. Hot lunch and after school program are expected to be lower.

Committee will look ahead to the 2021-22 budget to plan with enrollment figures and trying to project the enrollment numbers from the present student.

Curriculum/Technology Update

New Science program for Gr. K – 8 has been purchased. “Elevate Science” will arrive soon.

Math may be the next focus for Curriculum review.

Suggestion made to invite Suzette Braun, Philip Varghese & Matt Beaton in for PR and kick-off of new science program.

Advancement Update

\$68,000 raised at end of FY20 which is 151% of goal. End of year efforts brought in another \$1,000.

Annual fund letter will go out in mid-October, sharing good stories of St. Mary’s.

Enrollment/Marketing

Want to capture the success stories of St. Mary School with students

Retention effort for students who are new to St. Mary’s this year.

Re-thinking Open Houses & Tours. Virtual shadowing. Brian Haugli will assist.

How do we showcase our small community school?

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS APPEAL September 26/27

Bulletin announcements. Stephanie will post on social media.

ST. MARY’S GRAND RAFFLE

Very successful. All 600 tickets were sold. Four sponsors donated \$8,000.

\$12,000 in prize money was returned to parish/school

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 pm