

School Commission Minutes - Nov 10, 2020 @ 6:00pm

Present: Ron Smyczek (Principal), Sarah Benike-Immel, Libby Bonen, John Laughrin, Barb Welsh, Barb Grzywinski, Jen Wilke, Brittany Bengel, Corryn Gosse

Absent: Tim Hanlon (Parish Council Liaison), Chris Gellings, Andrea Gade

I. School Good News:

- a. Trunk or Treat was a success
- b. Weather has been nice enough that students have been running outside for gym
- c. 8th graders and their little buddies made "Me and My Big Buddy" books
- d. 3rd graders have been working very hard with combined gym classes and doing well
- e. Donation of cloth masks
- f. Veterans Day cards were made and sent out

II. Principals Report

- a. COVID-19 update; attendance is strong. Peaked at 8-10 students absent. Teachers have been healthy. 1 positive case, 1 quarantine.
- b. Will monitor for spikes in cases/quarantines after Thanksgiving break
- c. Christmas Concert will be held virtually and will be video recorded by age group.
- d. Athletics at SOTH are still on hold. 53 of 56 schools in the Archdiocese are NOT doing interscholastic basketball.
- e. Trimester ends November 19. Still adjusting to standards based grading
- f. October in-service for teachers
 - i. Security training
 - ii. Navigating PowerSchool and Standards
- g. Faculty Professional Development and Goals for 2021
 - i. Principal Meeting
 - ii. Archdiocesan resources (zoom calls, teachers to be able to connect w/ other educators)
- h. Mrs. Coughlin is looking into Artsonia where the students artwork can be made into gift items
- i. Positive feedback from Parent-Teacher Conference
- j. Discussion on how we can show appreciation for our teachers during the holiday season. Room parents will be helping with this.

III. Business

- a. No Parish Council Report
- b. September meeting minutes- amended liaison positions/committee chairs and approved

Committee Reports

IV. Executive

- a. New Committee Members
 - i. Sarah Benike-Immel voted in as Commission Chair
 - ii. John Laughrin, member
- b. Recruitment continues for Secretary

"Walking the path of Christ, with LOVE and SERVICE, through a CATHOLIC education"

V. Budget and Finance

- a. Run for the Hills was a success. In a pool for profit matching funds
- b. Seroogy's Candy Sales in progress
- c. Virtual Auction Gala theme: "Stir Crazy". Website is in the works. Looking to send out invites the first 2 weeks of December. Carry out dinners will be available by reservation times.

VI. Home and School

- a. Donuts w/ Dad scheduled for Nov 11. Will be done outside.
- b. Will reach out to room parents for Auction items ideas. 1 item per classroom.
- c. Scheduling Christmas movie for students
- d. Next meeting 12/2

VII. Marketing

- a. Looking into media pricing (radio/newspaper), Facebook page getting many likes/shares.
- b. Social Media bragging as SOTH remains 5 day/week in-person learning.
- c. Jan 31-Feb 6 Catholic Schools Week
- d. Deputize and provide info to parents to be able to help SOTH grow

VIII. Long Range Planning

- a. New computers for the teachers partially funded by grant related to COVID-19
- b. Committee will start looking at three-year plan
 - i. Review of teachers' salaries
 - ii. Child care cost
 - iii. Simplified tuition; including student fees, tech fees into whole tuition cost
 - iv. Goal of all independent classrooms by 2022-23

Next Meeting: Tues, January 12, 2021 @ 6pm
SOTH Coffee House