**ST. JOSEPH’S SCHOOL**

School Board Minutes

Tuesday, December 8th, 2020

4:30 pm

1. Call to order and opening prayer
   1. In attendance: Father Kovash, Julie Quamme, Brandon Johnson, Vanessa Njos, Erin Vournas, Kelsey Lee, Heidi Coughlin, Aaron Schmit, Abbey Dahlberg, & Samantha Mendis.
   2. Absent: None
2. Previous Meeting Minutes
   1. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Vanessa Njos, 2nd by Brandon Johnson
3. Financial Report given by Father Kovash
   1. There have been no major changes to the financial report; things are quite stable.
   2. A lot of tuition was paid upfront due to the tuition assistance, so that number looks a little higher than normal for this time of year.
4. Principal’s Report given by Julie Quamme
   1. 7 less students now then in October. 4 of those moved out of state.
   2. Temperature checks are still happening every morning and it is going well. Parents are being extra-vigilant which is appreciated.
   3. Email updates are being sent out as needed.
   4. Teachers are being diligent about keeping mask breaks to under 15 minutes a day to keep the need to send students home at a minimum.
   5. All students are back to eating in the cafeteria. Seating charts are being used. Students are also back in the music room.
   6. There have been a couple of parents that have stepped up and turned their stuff in to get their substitute teaching license to help out during this time.
   7. Covid number updates
      1. To date there have been 11 positive cases within the school (8 staff and 3 students)
      2. There have been 8 additional students that have had Covid but were not in school during their infectious period.
      3. There are 15 students out of school today due to quarantine.
      4. 3 families have decided to distance learn, due to Covid, until at least the end of this 9-week period.
   8. Staff Changes
      1. Mrs. Lysne will be going part-time after Christmas break, Mrs. Cote will take over the front office duties, and Magen Myer will continue her position and take over some of Mrs. Cote’s duties.
      2. Ms. Emily Richter starts after Christmas break in the 3rd grade classroom.
   9. Mrs. Field’s Cookie Dough – Fundraiser
      1. Trinity School in Dickinson did the fundraiser and was able to raise $38,000 in profit for the school. Father thought this might be a good replacement for the chocolate fundraiser that we are not able to have this year.
      2. With extra cleaning costs and the loss of chocolate sales and Mardi Gras this may help in raising some funds.
   10. Christmas and Advent Projects
       1. Christmas Ornament Project – all families are asked to make an ornament that represents their family. There will be a few special surprises with this and a tree lighting/blessing.
       2. School Advent Project – Packages for health care workers
       3. Staff Advent Project – Adopted a family
       4. Christmas Program – December 17th at 7p virtually on fb and school website.
   11. Reading and Math Scores
       1. These tests were taken Sept 10th. The older the grade the poorer the scores seem to be. This may be due to the 6-month period that children were out of the classroom.
       2. Reading and math programs are all online now that can help if/when students are learning virtually.
       3. Kathy Kalil is now working 5 days a week with the school and is working 3 days a week with Title funds and helping students that need help.
       4. These tests will be re-done in January.
   12. The school is hoping to open enrollment in January.
5. PTO Update
   1. None
6. Old Business
   1. None
7. New Business
   1. None
8. Pastors Report given by Father Kovash
   1. Father has been working on a “vision committee.” Starting next month, the plan is to have the vision committee to start meeting and to bring information back to Father and Julie regarding the school and its future. Father has asked 7 people to be on this committee.
9. The next school board meeting will be Tuesday January 19th, 2021 at 4:30pm in O’Neill Hall.
10. Closing Prayer & Meeting Adjourned