

# Assumption School Board of Education

## Board Notes

April 4, 2023

Meeting called to order: 7:02 PM

1. March meeting minutes reviewed and approved.
2. Jackie added cleaning/cleaning crew topic for next year to be discussed.
3. Report from Administration:
  - a. From Dr. Hensley
    - i. Mission Game Day was a huge success—raised over \$2K and huge donations for YIN.
    - ii. 70th Birthday celebration was amazing!
    - iii. Employment Update:
      1. Tecklenburg switching roles due to baby; will be part-time.
      2. Krista Kenkel resigning due to family events but will help when needed; Weiss to replace get trained.
      3. PreK3 Aide & 5th Grade (McHugh) leaving; Lisa McDonald potentially to move up to 4th grade position by choice for a change.
      4. Interviews going on for Aide positions—decisions to be made by next week.
      5. Music is a concern for 5th-8th grade due to interest; Neiswander to start up choir—will be after school most likely on Mondays in the church.
      6. Spanish to be offered 5th-8th grade twice a week; potential to offer ELA/Math interventions during that time for struggling students.
      7. Opportunities for music background coming up for next school year.

- iv. Drills for the year—every month, fire drill; earthquake & tornado twice a year; intruder drills in fall & spring.
- v. Wish list—STEM Room for 5th-8th grade (i.e. PLTW)
- vi. Limiting Dress Down surveys from teacher—feedback shared; Jackie shared feedback she collected—idea was to do SCRIP dress down the early out Fridays. Game plan TBD after further discussion and reviewing dress code for dress down days along with boys' haircuts. Faculty & Dr. Hensley will brainstorm for “ideas of accessories/themes” to deem appropriate.
  - 1. Board has decided to table dress down concerns until May 8th; recommended to research and reach out to Archdiocese between now & then.

b. From Fr. Nick

- i. ATN—announcements coming out on May 28th; the whole structure of the archdiocese will change. Geography will be shared out as well.
- ii. It is Holy Week! Shared schedule; numbers of baptisms/confirmations shared out.
- iii. Security discussion—“SafeDefend” boxes; 3M film for windows. Safety evaluation occurring on 4/5/23. Fundraising for security cameras to occur with Gala. All teachers/aides are trained in CPR/AED each year; training in mental health occurs, even new teachers. Grant from MFA Oil is used for improved quality of life within the school (plan is to focus on making everyone feel safe at school). Risk management for safety evaluation will be happening the week of April 10th. Name badges brought up—maintenance wears them; could possibly start with teachers/admin & office.

c. From Ann Marie Quan

- i. Sent email out to board—see new business notes regarding Mass attendance.

5. Old Business

- a. 23-24 Board Member Election process—Dr. Hensley to reach out to Nancy Gomer for social media blasts; recommendation for class pages and other Assumption FB outlets.
- b. Dress code & dress down days/policy – see above

## 6. New Business

- a. Mass Attendance—questions about two masses per week for each grade; currently each grade gets one mass each week and prayer service each Friday with all school masses on early out Friday. Ideas for specific masses such as the athletes mass—trying to do more of those ideas to increase attendance on Sundays.
- b. Sick Policies and Excused vs. Unexcused Absences—prior to Covid, whole page in handbook for “whys” to keep kids at home and Jaime will look for this list. Concern is: there is “whys” kids should be sent home but not “whys” they should be stay home. Jaime is suggesting list of “whys” kids should stay home be added to handbook. Excused vs. Unexcused Absences—current policy needs to be revisited given today’s health circumstances post-Covid era (i.e. timelines/markers possibly to be set): will be tabled until date TBD.
- c. Reading Material Vetting Procedures/Policy—procedure is now in place shared out by Dr. Hensley.
- d. Physical Security and Communicating Security issues
  - i. Concerns to be addressed/policy to be in place & resolution of issue & addressed within a timeframe—Danielle to take feedback to parish council.

## 7. Remarks for the Good of All

- a. Jackie shared out how awesome our board is—how we are trying to make positive changes.
- b. Mike shared out “Cliff Notes” version of don’t underestimate others personal connections with each other.
- c. Jaime thanked Chris & the Men’s Club for the Easter egg hunt—it was wonderful!!!

## 8. Closing Prayer—Kris shared with Philip to read out.

Absent from meeting: Ann Marie & Kristine

Meeting called to end: 9:34pm