

Assumption School Board Minutes
Meeting Minutes
Publishable
May 10, 2021

Start Time: 7:03pm

Opening Prayer: Kris Bohn

Attendance: Pat Hensley, Father Nick, Ann Marie Quan, Greg Berner, Hollie Sicking, Jenny Bardgett, Debbie Gentry, Kris Bohn, Danielle Lifritz, Michelle Mininni, Carrie Hopkins, Philip Heiss, Trey Willis

Vote to approve April meeting minutes: Approved

Last call to add new business: None

Administration Report

- Dr. Hensley:
 - Staff Update
 - Hired 4th Grade Teacher
 - Hired Learning Consultant to replace Julie Trupiano
 - Mrs. Kleckner will continue on as second grade teacher replacing Jaime Penn
 - Still looking for music teacher and second grade aide
 - Estimate we made about \$99,000 on the auction – not finalized but a good guess at this time
 - Covid-19: Have only two students exposed, both will be back by the end of the week
 - Grant Update (\$321,000)
 - Application in on time and has been approved for first round through DESE
 - Next round for approval is through the state or federal level and we will know by the end of the month if we are approved to move to the next phase
- Father Nick:
 - Have seen more attendance at weekend masses although limitations continue
 - Considering having chairs available in the Narthex for overflow at weekend masses
 - Hoping to go back to using every pew soon
 - When dispensation is dropped, considering a celebration, like donuts outside in front of the church/offices
 - Servers Camp – up to 35 currently signed up
 - We have a permanent Deacon Candidate
 - Currently teaches at St. Dominic
 - Will be serving at masses over the next year and help train servers what to do and when
 - Looking to hire a new music director
 - Mark will still help some on weekends but has a new full-time job
 - Currently have three applications after position was listed in the Review last weekend
- Ann-Marie:
 - PSR is completed for the year
 - VBS has about 60 campers and 25 CITs signed up
 - Other camps are still open but we are not yet sure if they are a “go” yet
 - Confirmation is this Saturday, May 15th
 - Date of confirmation next year is April 30th at the cathedral
 - April 30th was the day of the Auction so now Auction is moved to May 7th
 - Field day is this Friday, May 14th
 - 8th grade volleyball game will be outside during the Field Day
 - Tuesday, May 25th will be awards ceremony outside

- o Wednesday, May 26th is 8th grade graduation in church
- o Thursday, May 27th is last day of school – will have final mass outside
- Trey Willis – Tech Program Revamp
 - o Discussed how tech development has progressed starting in 2018-2019 School Year
 - o 2021-2022 Plan
 - Manage IT Services Contract (ongoing) – will keep NWO on board and need to make sure to take best advantage of when they are onsite
 - Internet bandwidth upgrade – will allow for more stability with the number of staff and students utilizing the network simultaneously
 - SMARTboard replacement – being replaced with 75” touchscreen that is a great piece in the classroom. Will get 14 new SMARTboards with grant money. Without grant this was a 6-year plan to replace the boards we currently have
 - iPads inventory augment – Pre-K through Second grade will have access. Will double inventory from 60 to about 120. Newer iPads needed for app compatibility.
 - Chromebooks inventory augment – have served us well and have outstanding safety and security mechanisms. Looking at adding 20 new devices. Will give us 1:1 devices (or close to it) in the school. 5th – 8th grades have their own devices but now 2, 3, and 4th will all have sets of Chromebooks in their rooms.
 - Professional Development (ongoing)
 - o Greg thanks Trey for his work as well as teachers’ efforts on how quickly and how well our transition to virtual went during the shutdown
 - o Purchasing such a large amount of equipment with grant money will be great but we will have to think about how it will all require a refresh/update around the same time and it is very unlikely we will have access to a similar grant at that time
 - Will be important to keep an eye on this each year as we do our financial planning/budget
 - o Teachers have been showing an increased interest in digital training and some are getting trained to maximize their use of the SMARTboards
- Old Business: None
- New Business: New Board Members
 - o Have four openings for the 2021-2022 school year
 - o Each candidate was asked to provide some information about themselves including why they would want to be a Board member
 - o New members are usually invited to the June meeting
 - o Motion approved to accept Katie Burle, Lynnette Hazell, Jackie Kretschmer, and Brandon Gervais to join the ABVM School Board for the 2021-2022 school year
- Remarks for the Good of All:
 - o Greg acknowledges Trey and staff’s efforts and contributions that made our transition to virtual during the shutdown so successful
 - o Pat thanks Ann Marie for all of her work coordinating graduation, confirmation, etc.
 - o Debbie thanks Ann Marie for all of her work to make this unique year fun for 8th graders and for her communication and planning throughout the year
 - o Ann Marie acknowledges the support of Dr. Hensley and the Assumption community

Closing Prayer: Amy Kaller

End Time: 8:28pm