

ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Monday, August 31, 2021

Meeting Time: 5:30-7:00 pm

Location: In person in the MPR + google meets for those unable to attend in person

Voting Board Members:

- Marianne Biegler (MB) Vice President
- Cindy Casaus (CC)
- Krista Loew (KL) (virtual)
- Cheryl O'Malley (CO) Secretary
- Judea Oyer (JO)
- Natalie Petersen (NP)
- Marc Rivas (MR)
- Erica Seidel (ES)
- Brian Wiscombe (BW) President

Ex-officio Non-Voting Board Members:

- Fr. James Aboyi (JA), Pastoral Administrator
- Jamie Bescak (JB), Principal, Administrative Officer
- Marilyn Johnston (MJ), Parish Representative.
- Kelly Rafford (KR), Faculty Representative
- Jennifer Sentz (JS) Coordinator of Stewardship & Development St. Benedicts
- Jennifer Vanderzyl (JV) Pre-School Director

Agenda	Topic	Action items/follow up
Opening prayer	JA opened with prayer	
Pastor report	<p>The parish and school campuses are bridging more with activities and shared events.</p> <p>A liturgist is being hired with a plan for a new children's choir.</p> <p>MB identified that students are getting more involved in weekend masses.</p> <p>The community is still working on adjusting to the rules and the pandemic. The inconsistency of practices among adults in the community vs children at school is a challenge. We need to all be praying for an end to the suffering from the disease and division.</p>	
Principal's report	Outbreak in first grade that impacted the teacher as well and so the class is home on quarantine and JB is working with the	

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	<p>Maricopa County Department of Public Health. Outbreaks are defined as when there are 2 or more lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases among students or staff with onsets within a 14 day period, who are epidemiologically linked, do not share a household, and were not identified as close contacts off each other in another setting during standard case investigation or contact tracing, per MCDPH. Schools reporting outbreaks are the law.</p> <p>In discussion with the public health expert at MCDPH, it was explained to JB that although universal masking indoors is an important mitigation strategy, masks are not 100% protective. The more mitigation strategies we have in place the more likely we are to prevent cases. Chandler has the highest COVID in the county due to low vaccination rates, lower use of masks and less mitigation strategies. One of the important mitigation strategies is quarantine and isolation. Masks reduce the situations when this has to happen but do not eliminate it. Outbreaks are an example, as are teacher infections.</p> <p>Per the diocesan superintendent, there is a large amount of variability among schools as a result of the variability across the districts.</p> <p>Given the vulnerabilities even among vaccinated teachers getting ill, JB is preparing substitute teachers to teach in class and on-line. This is currently a limiting factor and so there was discussion about the requirements. It was clarified that with a bachelor's degree in any field + background check, an individual could apply for a substitute certificate from the Maricopa County Department of Education.</p> <p>Enrollment is 376 holding steady but had budgeted for 320. Last year, we had 319 at our best. New enrollment continues although some families have left since the new year (for a variety of reasons. This in addition to the grants received is favorable with budget and helping to address the deficit.</p>	
<p>Preschool Director's report</p>	<p>9 preschool students have un-enrolled since the start of the AY. For some it was due to a perception of mask mandate although this was not required, others expressed disagreement with the exposure and quarantine policy, and others left due to safety concerns.</p> <p>In the future, JV will have the communication come from nurse Jean.</p>	

Parish Development update	JS is connecting donors who are interested in donating to the parish and school. She will be meeting with JB and continues to update	
Board Responsibilities and Roles	<p>In place of the prior subcommittees, there will be 2 working groups- Alumni and Development, see below.</p> <p>Additional priorities for the year are a need to revise the bylaws with attention to conflicts of interest. JB has the diocesan bylaws which will need to be referenced and integrated as there are many helpful components in that.</p> <p>Board members are expected to attend open houses, the Easter parade and other events as ambassadors of the school</p> <p>Upcoming events which will be modified as needed to be consistent with our mitigation strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday September 18th is tailgate party for adults (21 and older). • Saturday 23rd is trunk or treat <p>BW will promote events at St. Benedict's mass and work with the PTO to create slides.</p>	
Development	<p>One of the goals is making Catholic education affordable. This will include education about STO's. Ideas discussed include developing instructions and tools, for distribution in a binder, in person sessions, video, and instruction flyers.</p> <p>JS suggested that an additional opportunity is to align the education with commonly used tax prep process including accountants, turbo tax, etc. Informal or formal anonymous survey could be a way to determine what would be most used.</p> <p>JO suggested that there could be a timeline with other opportunities like Brophy Scholarships.</p> <p>Other responsibilities for the Development workgroup includes helping with fundraising events like the gala, top golf, etc, and finding/forwarding information to JB and team about grants.</p>	
Alumni	Goals this year are to engage alumni in events, publish a regular newsletter, and develop a website. A critical step in this is to develop a mailing list. MB already has a rough list of graduates but it needs to be cleaned up to remove duplicates and also to create a mechanism on the website to submit their updated email address.	

	<p>MB indicated that will establish a separate 501c3. Will include members from the parish council, finance, and other members. JA has discussed this with the diocese, and it is allowed to be separate from the school given the specific focus on alumni.</p> <p>MB offered another idea to have a fund for alumni scholarship to help recruit them into preschool.</p>	
Closing Prayer	BW led the closing prayer	