

# St. Vincent de Paul Board of Education

Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2020

**Attendees:** Fr. Joe, Mrs. Streiler, Mrs. Unterreiner, Emily Hager, Todd McDonald, Nikki Strattman, Terry Wibbenmeyer, Brad Hennemann, Melissa Barber, Joey Koishor, Art Pistorio, Becca Pecaut, AD Coach Tim Schumer

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Fr. Joe

**Minutes:** August minutes were not distributed

## Head of School's Report – Mrs. Jennifer Streiler

- *Service:* Much of campus ministry is on hold due to COVID
- *Spiritual:* Liturgy schedule has been established. Ring day mass is scheduled for Sept. 11 with Fr. Rich presiding.
- *Academic:* 7th graders took math placement test to place them in high, medium, and low in 3 different classes. Process development for students - may require schedule change. CARE team plans are being evaluated.
- *Professional Development:* Reopening plans are still being worked on. Teacher evaluation plans continue. We are short on substitute teachers.
- *Enrollment:* 256 enrolled in Jr/Sr high (151 in HS, 105 in JH), ADA is 166.09. New students: JH: 7, HS: 4. Five students transferred out of SV.
- *Extra Curricular:* Sports underway, volleyball and football team currently quarantined.
- *Safety:*
- *Other:* Mrs. Streiler charted students/teachers who were absent, present, quarantined, and COVID positive daily from 8/18-9/3. Discussion was held on how best to handle the situation. See below.

## Elementary Principal's Report – Mrs. Diane Unterreiner

- *Service:* Fr. Rich is holding server training for 6<sup>th</sup> graders in September, 15 students interested.
- *Spiritual:* The Vocation Chalice is being rotated weekly, praying for vocations. The 2 grades that plan mass will attend, the remaining classes will attend virtually.
- *Academic:* Students that receive special services from the public school have started virtual support sessions. 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade reading benchmarks are being assessed by STAR test and IXL.
- *Enrollment:* 238 enrolled in elementary, ADA is 219. New students: Pre-K: 14, Kindergarten: 30, Grades 1-6: 6. Dropped students: 6 (3 homeschooled, 2 moved out of Perryville, 1 to PES). Several other new families have inquired about SV and Pre-K
- *Professional Development:* New hire orientation 8/6. In-service Aug 11-13: Active Shooter and Library check in/out books (since we are short librarians,

teachers were taught library procedures). Prevent and Protect training – all substitute teachers, volunteers, chaperones, etc need this training.

- *Safety*: One grade level in the cafeteria at a time, students socially distanced and ½ hour added to lunch time.
- *Extra Curricular*: Teachers are displaying great flexibility and are going above and beyond with required added supervision, gathering materials, etc because of COVID. Drama virtual auditions for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders
- *Other*: Mrs. Unterreiner charted students/teachers who were absent, present, quarantined, and COVID positive daily from 8/18-9/3. Discussion was held on how best to handle the situation. See below.

### **PSR Report – Mrs. Emily Hager**

- *Service*:
- *Spiritual*: First Communion for last year's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders scheduled for Sept 13 and Sept 20 at 9:00 am mass. Confirmation for last year's 8<sup>th</sup> graders is scheduled for Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and 7:00.
- *Academic*: Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> picked up Alive in Christ books on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> for virtual learning. Virtual learning will occur for 2 weeks with hope of returning to the classroom on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. 73 students are currently homeschooled with hope of most returning to classroom in January. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students will begin virtual class through ZOOM beginning Sept 9 from 6:00-7:15.
- *Enrollment*: 263 enrolled, + 11 from Biehle and Applecreek
- *Professional Development*:
- *Safety*: All temperatures are taken, maintaining 6' distance, and wearing masks.

### **Action Items:**

- Review COVID related email responses from parents
  - Emails were summarized and sent out via email before the meeting for review. A one-page more defined summary was compiled for the meeting.
  - > 65% of the responses addressed and suggested stopping the quarantine of healthy students.
  - Emails also contained great suggestions that were discussed, some at length.
- Review/update COVID policy based on emails and discussion
  - Mrs. Streiler began the discussion stating that she and Fr. Joe agreed that the main issue is the number of healthy students who were quarantined because of a close contact classmate. Terry agreed that the quarantine policy was the main point to be addressed and solved (goal of action items).
  - Medical perspectives were heard and noted.
  - Quarantine/COVID policies from schools from surrounding cities were reviewed.
  - The emotional, mental, and academic effect of quarantining/being out of school on our [healthy] kids was discussed.
  - A hybrid schedule is not feasible or desired for SV:

- All Admin and faculty overwhelmingly agreed on classroom learning 5 days a week. A large majority of parents desire this as well.
- SV already experienced issues with our network/google during large volume of kids virtually learning. Hybrid would likely require an upgrade.
- So much extra work for our teachers.
- We do not have the advanced software that PHS has for ‘virtual classroom and grading’.
- At PHS, there are dedicated teachers for virtual learning; we do not have that at SV.
- Outcome:
  - Policy will be changed to add the word ‘unmasked’. Therefore, you must quarantine for 14 days if you are an unmasked close contact.
  - Masks must be worn and parents need to enforce.
  - Other immediate actions that can be taken to help prevent the spread of COVID were discussed: teachers to take all student’s temperatures, moving around the classroom more frequently (every 14-15 minutes), spreading out more during lunch, utilizing larger spaces (outdoors?), modified seating charts
- AD Tim Schumer shared sports status:
  - Still reviewing spectator rules for football, ‘ticket’ rule. Main bleachers may be designated for players/cheer/band family only. Will likely be a separate student section and standing room only section.
  - Volleyball: 4 spectators per player allowed for home games, 2 allowed for away games (for most schools). Away games may be school-by-school basis.

### **New Business:**

- *Semco-Richardet Floor Covering Fundraiser:* Ed Robinson and Lynn Richardet have generously donated the meat for fundraising activities if SV organizes the events. Fr. Joe called upon the heads of the different SV committees (PTO, BOE, Finance, Parish Council, Ed Foundation, Alumni Association) to help organize and plans are underway. The first event will be a BBQ held on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at the KC from 12-5 pm. The 2<sup>nd</sup> event is being planned by the Picnic Committee for an October date. Volunteers will be needed and Sign-Up Genius will be used.
- *Vice President Selection:* Tabled for our next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

### **Pastor’s Report:**

- Fr. Joe reported that the budget report was not in the red. However, we need to increase enrollment. Our hope/goal is that enrollment increases steadily at the pre-school over the next several years and assists in enrollment in our elementary.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Terry Wibbenmeyer

**Closing Prayer:** led by Fr. Joe

**Next School Board Meeting:** October 1, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Nikki Strattman, Secretary*