

St. Cecilia School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 1, 2020
Online Group Meeting via “Zoom”

Members present: Mike Cowan, Barbara Read, Pablo Raúl Stinga, Colin Murphy, Ayinde Popo, Carol Bond

Administrator Present: Sara Rooney

Ex Officio: Father Don Czapla

Opening: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer: Led by Pablo Raúl Stinga.

Agenda Changes: No Changes.

Approval of Previous Minutes: There was a minor change on page 4 of the August meeting minutes regarding who moved to determine the hybrid learning model (corrected to Mike Cowan). Colin Murphy moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Pablo Raúl Stinga seconded the motion. Minutes approved by consensus.

Unfinished Business:

- a. None at this time.

New Business:

- a. Return to Learn Plan. Although the positivity rate for COVID-19 test results has been increasing in Story County (reaching 21.1% as of Monday, 8/31) and there are 9 STC students in quarantine due to close contact at an afterschool program, the Board determined there was no need at this time to transfer to an alternate mode of instruction (hybrid model) or petition the State for a 14-day waiver for 100% online learning.

Visioning and Catechetical/Faith Formation Planning:

- a. Managing enrollment. There has been a net increase in enrollment, some of which is attributed to the desire for in-person instruction. Keeping in mind current class sizes and the need for social distancing as part of the Return to Learn plan, the Board discussed the classes/sections that can accept new students as well as those that are full and may need to be capped for enrollment. The Board also discussed the appropriate use of classroom and building space and the need to explore creative and flexible solutions to address increasing enrollment. The Board further discussed requesting transfer families commit to remaining at STC for at least a full school year.

Administrative Issues:

- a. Principal’s Report. Strategic Planning Update. This is an ongoing initiative with the Archdiocese that is currently being conducted in a virtual format.

Committee Reports:

- Marketing- They are not meeting at this time due to the Strategic Planning initiative.
- FSA – General information regarding FSA projects for start of the school year.
- Finance – Bids for roof repair. Work will affect parking on west side.
- Faith Formation – No meeting.
- Pastoral council – Facility expenditures and solar power project updates.
- Facilities – Roof and chiller compressor repair projects.
- Election, Constitution & Bylaws – No meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm: Barb Read motioned to adjourn, Ayinde Popo second.

Next meeting will be October 6, 2020 at 7:00PM. It is anticipated this will be by Zoom.

Submitted by Colin Murphy