

**St. Cecilia School Board Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 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 8:30 PM.

**Prayer:** Led by Father Don Czapla.

**New Business:**

- a. Return to Learn Plan. At the regular September 2020 meeting 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.

The school received information recently that a student tested positive for COVID-19 (symptoms arose late Labor Day) and another is being tested after experience minimal symptoms following close contact with him/her. Positive student has no other siblings in building. Name and class cannot be revealed on account of privacy issues.

We discussed three choices: (1) maintain status quo with 5-day live instruction; (2) transition to hybrid learning model (4-day live instruction); and (3) apply for waiver for 100% online learning for 14 days. Although STC is not at 10% absenteeism, Ames has a high enough positivity rate to apply for waiver (other school districts applied for and received waiver before school started when there were no student absences).

The Board discussed whether to transition this particular section to 100% online and whether additional measures were necessary for the rest of the school. Also discussed student safety, plans for situation where teacher must quarantine, whether ACPC could provide afterschool care on Wednesdays if we transition to hybrid, and whether this would be a time to provide the teachers with an opportunity to work on virtual instruction.

Sara Rooney reached out to the Archdiocese representative during the meeting. STC would be within its authority to move only the class section to virtual learning depending on the recommendations and guidance from Story County Public Health, which will be informed first thing tomorrow morning (news of the positive test and other student symptoms received after close of business hours).

On the question of the particular class section affected, Ayinde Popo moved, and Barb Read seconded, to transition to 100% online effective tomorrow should SCPH recommend that we quarantine that section. The motion passed unanimously.

On the question of whether the rest of the school should transition to the hybrid learning model the following week for a two-week period due to positivity rate and confirmed case of STC student, Barb Read moved, and Carol Bond seconded, to make the transition to our hybrid learning model for the weeks of September 14 and 21, 2020 and revisit early during the week of September 20 regarding whether to continue. The motion passed 5-1. Colin Murphy opposed.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.**

Submitted by Colin Murphy