

St. Cecilia School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 5, 2021
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 7:02 PM by Pablo Raúl Stinga. Mike Cowan joined shortly thereafter.

Prayer: Led by Father Don Czapla.

Agenda Changes: No Changes.

Public Commentary: None.

Approval of Previous Minutes: The minutes from November were not available to review. The Board will review those and approve by email.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Snow Days. The Board discussed whether to treat any snow day as a virtual learning day or a no-school day. Unlike Ames CSD, we do not need to make up learning days. The days will remain as no-school days unless weather forces more days than STC has currently banked.

New Business:

- a. New IDPH Guidance. The Archdiocese follows local guidance. Now, under certain circumstances, quarantine can be shortened from 14 days to ten and sometimes seven if there is a negative COVID test.
- b. Wednesday Hybrid. No spike in positive cases over holidays. Numbers did not warrant hybrid learning. Low positivity rates in county and STC campus. Discussion on ending hybrid but modifying early dismissal from 2:05 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays to allow time for teacher preparation. Board without sufficient information regarding bus transportation, ACPC availability and cost to evaluate 1:00 p.m. early out. That issue tabled until further notice. Barbara Read moved to return to in-person learning on Wednesdays beginning 1/12/2021 with 2:05 p.m. early dismissal. Second by Pablo Raúl Stinga. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Band position. There is an opening for band instructor. It is a priority that this position be filled.

Visioning and Catechetical/Faith Formation Planning:

- a. Catholic Schools Week. Celebration is scaled back a bit. Still maintaining high points regarding visibility in community and outreach. Tim Read helping with window at mall. Kindergarten Round-up challenge to operate virtual meeting.

Administrative Issues:

- a. Principal's Report. *Strategic Planning Update*. Updates assumptions in SWAT. May need to collect more data. *STO*. Currently under goal. Failure to meet goal will impact the ability for Archdiocese to provide financial aid. Incentives to give have been reduced. Businesses unable to provide larger donations due to pandemic. Projecting significant impact on families.

Committee Reports:

- Marketing- Strategic Planning initiative.
- FSA – Catholic Schools Week preparation.
- Finance – No December 2020 meeting.

Committee Reports (cont.):

- Faith Formation – No December 2020 meeting.
- Pastoral council – No December 2020 meeting.
- Facilities – HVAC software upgrades essentially complete.
- Election, Constitution & Bylaws – No meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm: Ayinde Popo motioned to adjourn, Colin Murphy second. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be February 2, 2021 at 7:00PM. It is anticipated this will be by Zoom.

Submitted by Colin Murphy