

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School
School School Board Minutes
August 19, 2020 at 6:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Present: Dr. Nardi, Dana B., Michael R., Kate M., Ken B., Teresa B., Julie W.

Excused: Fr. Mark, Fr. Norberto, Karl N., Beatriz G.

- I. Opening Prayer, led by Teresa. Prayer by St. John Eudes on his feast day*
- II. Rules of Engagement, read by Mike
- III. Open session
- IV. Minutes, approval of July minutes-send to Mr. Cole
- V. Principal's report
 - A. Question of what we, as a board, can do to welcome new families to our school? How can we be more proactive and positive? Maybe send a greeting letter to new families? Possibly an "entrance interview?"
-Discussion followed and Kate will draft a greeting letter and Mike will include a separate letter to all families in our weekly Friday newsletter.
 - B. Announced new hire of middle school math and science teacher!
 - C. School building is getting ready for the upcoming school year! This includes PPE; plexiglass, where needed; floor stickers; staggered lunch, recess and dismissal times; hand sanitizers; cleaning all day long and disinfecting at night! Our cleaning crew begins this Monday, Aug. 24.
 - D. Can only enter and exit now through the main front door and playground door. This allows for monitoring.
 - E. Playground was installed on Aug. 7. Scotty's Landscaping was hired to place wood chips.
 - F. Enrollment is currently at 130 students so far. We are full with 20 students in 8th grade! Any new inquiries will be on a waiting list for this grade. Kdg. is now at 18, with a full-time aide. Most class sizes are 11-14. The smallest right now is 7th grade at 7 students.
 - G. No music classes this year! The reasons are that it is hard to find music teachers and also, with Covid, this is a high-risk activity with no possibility of future concerts. CCA is also doing this for now as well. We hope and pray that this is only temporary for this year!
 - H. Question of Behavior flip. Part of PBIS. Funded through Title funds. Used successfully last year, just with teachers. Cuts down on paperwork. No requirement by parents, but a good communication tool.
- VI. Pastor Designate Report-none

VII. Standing Committees-discussed who will be a liaison to each committee from the School board. A communication to parents will go out to see if any are interested in serving and helping on one of the standing committees as well.

Finance-No recent meeting due to change of pastors in early August. One is scheduled for next week. Kate will serve on this committee.

Marketing-Mike, Kate and Ken will serve here.

Safety and Grounds-Beatriz is on this committee.

Development-Mike, Ken and Dana will serve here. Alumni outreach is one objective.

Faith formation-Teresa will serve here.

VIII. Adjournment and Closing Prayer-Mike hopes to schedule future board meetings on the 3rd Wed. or Thurs. of each month from now on. Will check what works best for Fr. Mark and get back to the board. Closing prayer by Teresa from St. Therese:

“May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of you.” (The Story of a Soul)

Next Meeting- Zoom meeting on Wed., Sept. 16 at 6:30pm

***St. John Eudes prayer: “O desire of my soul, grant me the favor I implore: hearken to the cry of my heart. You know O Lord, what I ask of you, my heart has so often told you. Amen.”**

