

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School
School Board Minutes,
December 16, 2020 at 6:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Present: Fr. Mark, Dr. Nardi, Dana B., Michael R., Karl N., Kate M., Beatriz G., Teresa B., Julie W.

Excused: Fr. Norberto, Ken M.

- I. Opening Prayer, led by Fr. Mark
- II. Rules of Engagement, read by Mike
- III. Minutes, approval of Nov. minutes-Teresa and Kate motion
- IV. Principal's report
 - A. Currently, 4 or 5 students are out due to family exposure. One staff is out, due back this coming Monday.
 - B. Our annual fund drive is well over our \$30K goal, due to a generous \$70K donation. We are currently at \$97,551. It goes until Dec. 31.
 - C. Amira, a 5th grader is out this year with Cancer-we are praying daily for her and collecting angels of all kinds to be delivered to her family on Dec. 23. Also, just released a "Team Amira" t-shirt fundraiser that will help with expenses. Already we have raised \$120 in less than 3 hours!! The t-shirts can be purchased for \$20 and can be worn as part of the school uniform. Sale ends on Dec. 30. Will also check with the food pantry and gift cards in case meals and food are needed.
 - D. Hired a full-time aide, covered by SNSP money. She is also a LCSW. She will make contact with virtual students 2x/wk to see how they are doing.
 - E. Check out our website, as it has been updated, simplified and cleaned up. Easier to navigate now.
 - F. Two new students starting in Jan. 2021, a 4th and 8th grader. Gave a tour to a 5th grader from SLA. Hope to hear back from them soon.
- V. Pastor Designate Report
 - A. Great that the kids helped with making cards for K of C.
 - B. Had Confessions with the students this week for Advent.
- VI. Standing Committees
 - A. Finance-met on 11-17. ME is helped by the successful fund drive.
 - B. Development-good involvement so far. Confident of new donations, aim to solicit more companies before the end of the year. A mtg. is scheduled in early Jan. 2021.
 - C. Marketing-No meeting scheduled.
 - D. Safety and Ground-parking continues to be a concern. Already two vehicles

on 8th St. have been damaged this year! The lot west of school is owned by SN apts. We did rent some space from them in the past, but poor upkeep and so we are no longer doing this. We need to brainstorm some potential solutions for this dilemma.

- VII. Old Business-discussed SWOT analysis from last year. We are required by the Archdiocese to submit four improvement plans. This goes with Catholic identity and mission. We have lacked connections with our 3 parishes and our need for community engagement. These goals were written by Paul S., our past board President. They fall under Faith Development. Dr. Nardi will send a letter regarding this to all school families and also will include in the next two Seton newsletters.
- VIII. For 2021-22 planning, we hope to focus on a faculty faith formation retreat; have student-led Masses at all 3 parishes and engage parents in faith formation.
- IX. Fr. Mark suggested we have a “Saint of the Month.” At his last school, he bought saint cards for the students, so by the time they graduate they will have a good collection of assorted saints. This will be a help as they pray and discern their Confirmation patron saint when they are in HS.
- X. We will revisit all of this at our Jan. meeting and gather a committee to plan.
- XI. Kate M. put together a letter to be sent by the board as a Christmas greeting. We read it and gave feedback. Hope to have this out later in the week with Friday folder possibly.
- XII. Mike R. can add a testimonial to virtual ME “skit” to promote our school. Looking for others to assist with this. Could possibly do “things kids say” or kids telling jokes from the milk cartons, to add to the personal touch of our virtual fundraiser.
- XIII. Julie W. asked if there was a chance to do a fundraising brat fry for Amira and her family in the Spring.....
- XIV. Adjournment and Closing Prayer by Fr. Mark

Next Meeting- Zoom meeting on Wed., Jan. 20 at 6:30pm