

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School
School Board Minutes
October 21, 2020 at 6:30pm
Zoom Meeting

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

Excused: Fr. Norberto, Ken M.

- I. Opening Prayer, led by Fr. Mark
- II. Rules of Engagement, read by Mike
- III. Minutes, approval of Sept. minutes-send to Mr. Cole
- IV. Principal's report
 - A. The most pressing issue is Covid and the quarantine of a class.
 - B. Dr. Nardi was on phone with the Public Health Dept. She and Briana called every parent, in English or Spanish, and sent home a letter to all school families. The class can return to school on Mon., Nov. 2.
 - C. The classroom was closed for 72 hours, then deep cleaning and sanitizing ensued. Hope this remains minimal and isolated. This is really our first case in Seton.
 - D. Related to Covid, CCA, SJB and Seton have all opted out of winter sports, after a principal's meeting. This is due to risk/overall health and cost. A letter will be in this week's newsletter explaining this decision.
 - E. Annual fund drive has started. Cards are in bulletins. Letters go out in the mail tomorrow.
 - F. School tours are up, increased phone inquiries, more interest via email and Facebook, but no one has registered yet.
- V. Pastor Designate Report-Fr. Mark is happy to be here. He suggested a "Wish List" where we try to partner with school benefactors for specific items, e.g. his last parish bought 80 Chromebooks for the students. Other possible ideas include scholarships for mission trips, tuition assistance, etc. He will preach about this aspect of stewardship, which is above and beyond normal tithing on the weekend of Nov. 15. People are generally very generous with something needed and specific.
- VI. Finance-a discussion was held on the revised budget. The annual fundraiser, The Mane Event, is being run this year by Development. Will be virtual. Hope to raise 40K, including the 10K raffle, which will last longer, about 3 months.
- VII. Marketing-so far, a list of ideas has been compiled. Need to set up another meeting. Need to promote that we are the only school in the area with SWIVL. With Catholic Schools Week approaching, possibly looking to get some testimonials

from alumni, families, etc. Possibly look into creating a virtual tour of school.
Perhaps an item for the new Wish List?!

- VIII. Development-working on the Mane Event. People are willing to donate items.
- IX. Trying to set up an alumni Facebook group.
- X. Sent out a “Pride in Partnership” letter to support school family-owned businesses. Info has been sent through the school newsletter and bulletin. Will accept donations, but not specifically asking for them. Hope to foster and build community.
- XI. Another meeting is scheduled for November.
- XII. Safety and Grounds-no meeting so far.
- XIII. Most pressing need is to organize school maps and come up with two exit routes for each classroom for insurance purposes.
- XIV. The new playground looks great and the little kids are loving it!!
- XV. Old Business-still working on new family letter.
- XVI. New Business-Considered whether to go virtual for the entire school between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It would be 18 school days. A discussion ensued and the consensus was to go forward with in-person instruction but to draft a letter reminding parents to use common sense with Covid and for Seton to maintain its excellent diligence with safety and sanitation. A letter will be drafted by Dr. Nardi, signed by Mike for the school board and sent to the parents via the newsletter.
- XVII. -We need to brainstorm before the next meeting regarding the “family sponsor” program. It needs to be reworded or re-fashioned for Audit purposes.
- XVIII. Closing prayer-led by Fr. Mark
- XIX. Next Meeting via Zoom will be Nov. 18 at 6:30.