

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School
School Board Minutes
January 20, 2021 at 6:30pm
Zoom Meeting

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

- I. Mission Statement, ready by Mike
- II. Opening Prayer, led by Teresa. Prayer of St. Francis.
- III. Rules of Engagement, read by Mike
- IV. Minutes, approval of Dec. minutes-by Dana and Teresa
- V. Principal's report
 - A. Six new students since 1-4-21!
 - B. Won \$10K grant! This will offset the cost of teacher's technology. Received another \$10K donation on Tues. This too will help with budget allocations!
 - C. Covid status: one staff on quarantine, to return this Monday. Two students out on post-travel quarantine, will return shortly. So far, so good with securing our bubble!

VI. Pastor Report-none

VII. Standing Committees: Finance-Met yesterday, reports sent to board today. Looking good for now. The ME Raffle is at \$5100 right now. Will have next drawing on 2-19-21. Staff bonuses were discussed. The board voted and approved staff bonuses to be included with renewing contracts for the next school year.

Marketing-no report.

Safety and Grounds-additional security cameras around Reinl Ctr. are almost installed. Waiting on monitor for Dr. Nardi and office to connect the camera.

Development-Finalizing "welcome" box. Continuing solicitation of donations for ME. Did the first ME 10K raffle drawing today.

VIII. Old business-staff parking....this has been an issue for years!! Every year, there are several damaged vehicles, three so far this year and so we can no longer wait!! Some possible solutions include

1. Parking across from HNJ at the old Zurheide ice cream lot. Too far away from school and students and teachers all need to be kept safe, so not really an option!
2. The old SNH parking lot to the west of Seton. We rented this before, but it was expensive and not safe in the winter, as it wasn't well plowed or salted. Mike will reach out and look to possibly purchase some of this lot, at least for 20-25 spaces.
3. Bring in a professional to add parking to the playground. We could possibly demolish the garage to create more space. This would require the current storage of lawn mowers to be somewhere else. Dr. Nardi will reach out to the playground company to see if we could get a CAD, with and without the garage, to design and enhance that existing space.
4. Also discussed how feasible it would be to buy the houses that line the alley to obtain more parking space. Mike said that if he wins the big powerball lottery, he will gladly buy them and a bulldozer to knock them down, so we will have parking and a “really nice playground!!”

Additional concerns about creating a “safety zone” around our school, as cars go fast and run through the stop signs on 8th and 9th streets. Ideas include 15 mph signs, speed bumps in front of school, flashing lights, etc. Mike will reach out to the principal of Sheridan School to see how to go about getting some safety measures installed by the city.

IX. Closing Prayer-by Teresa, a Hail Mary

X. Adjournment. Next meeting is Wed., Feb. 19 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

