

**Board of Education Meeting
August 18, 2020
Kehl Family Commons**

Board Members Present: Kelley Schiesl, Scott Leibfried, Fr. Steve Rosonke, Diane Rambousek, Brian Kane, Kevin Mullen, Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel, Todd Link, Fr. Phil Gibbs and Dan Walsh

Staff Present: Bob Noel, Phil Bormann and Bonnie Sigwarth

Meeting began with prayer at 5:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the July 21, 2020 Board of Education meeting were included in the packet for review.

- **Fr. Phil Gibbs moved to approve the July 21, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Dan Walsh seconded. The motion carried.**

Consent Agenda Items

Committee minutes and reports from system administrators were included in the packet for review.

- **Todd Link moved to accept the meeting minutes and reports as presented. Scott Leibfreid seconded. The motion carried.**

Chief Administrator Report

Holy Family faculty and staff have been putting in long hours planning for the 2020-2021 school year. Holy Family's Return to Learn plans are strong and have been followed by other school systems.

The 2020-2021 theme for the year is a continuation of last year: *Encounter Christ*. The year will kick-off with emphasizing an encounter with Christ through prayer. Phil also shared his thoughts on masks being a way to respect life and how they not only protect from sickness, but also serve as a filter for our minds and our hearts.

Each school site has a plan for Mass and will have a restrictive participation plan in place to accommodate necessary social distancing requirements. Schools are working with parish priests on a plan for Mass if school goes virtual.

There have been daily fluctuations for enrollment with just over twenty families who have elected to homeschool their children for the first semester. New students have enrolled as well, with caps that are being met to accommodate social distancing. At this point, 83 percent of St. Anthony and Holy Ghost students have been retained.

We continue to wait for necessary technology to come in for virtual streaming. Tripods and some cameras have been received, but we are still waiting for monitors and 100 additional cameras.

Classes can be streamed without these. ITS is working on infrastructure and we are on track to get rerouting, firewalls, and increased bandwidth in time for students.

Dubuque Community Schools has elected to cancel middle school athletic competitions for the fall. Holy Family will pursue additional games to fill the schedule.

Outside tents have been installed at each school site to be used for classes. Outdoor singing and dancing will also be held in these tents.

Fr. Steve Rosonke and his business manager, Bob Kalb, met with Phil and Jeff Rusch to go over the pressing needs for St. Anthony building repairs. These include roof patching or replacing, tuck-pointing, door replacement, lintel replacements, and other water mitigating measures. Phil will also talk to the St. Anthony council about their facilities and what is needed.

Honkamp Krueger recently completed an internal control review and made several suggestions to improve the Holy Family process. This will be brought before the board at the September meeting.

Holy Family is almost finished with hiring for the year. St. Anthony - Our Lady of Guadalupe's school counselor, Katie Bormann, has transitioned to kindergarten and special needs teacher, Erin Palm, has also moved to kindergarten. Tammy Schaefer was hired as a special needs teacher for one year.

Return to Learn Plan

Holy Family's Return to Learn plan was released on August 1 with students having the opportunity to attend school in-person and on-site every day. Each classroom will have a live-stream option for students who choose to join virtually or who need to quarantine. Teachers in quarantine will be expected to teach virtually from home while a certified substitute facilitates in-person learning and classroom management.

Board members commented and asked questions regarding the plan. Health and safety documents shared with the Holy Family community were distributed for review.

- **Diane Rambousek moved to approve the Return to Learn plan as presented. Scott Leibfried seconded. The motion carried.**

Verify Email Votes for Teacher Candidate

- **Todd Link moved to verify email votes for the hiring of Tianna Baird. Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel seconded. The motion carried.**

Medical Advisory Update

Phil Bormann gave an update on the Medical Advisory team's progress. The team will meet again on August 19 to finalize the do's and don'ts in the classroom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.