



Most Precious Blood Parish Catholic School

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"Sharing our Catholic faith in Christ by developing minds to grow, hearts to love, and hands to serve"

Total Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, August 17, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Tele-Conference Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Carrie Schneider, Marie Gorman, Joan Stemler, Michelle Hutchison, Mike Abel, Debbie Martin

Opening Prayer- Our Father

A. Religious Ed Report-Joan Stemler

--Four students participated in Vacation Bible School. The theme was the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Activities included making sacrifice beads, wooden Rosary holders and tie-dyed t-shirts.

-- Registration is open for the year. We currently have 38 families registered. Classes begin Wednesday, September 15th, and will be held from 6 - 7:30 pm. As last year, grades 2 & 11 will meet weekly as they prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Grades 1 & 3-10 will meet bi-weekly and grades 7-10 will have at home assignments in addition to meeting in-person.

-- Catechists: Returning - Leah Wilson (2nd), Chris Bermann (3rd/4th), Chris Jacobson (7th/8th), Joan (9th), Bill Burdick (11th/Confirmation)

New - Tabitha Wirth (5/6), Ashley Ellis (10th) We continue searching – 1st (will depend on number registered), or we may just combine 1st and 2nd grades.

-- Confirmation: Retreat will be on Sunday, March 6, 2022, at Mt. Tabor, Menasha, from 9 am - 5 pm. Mass of Celebration - Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene, Waupaca.

-- YOUTH MINISTRY: Middle School Youth Nights (Grades 6-8). We had 6 nights scheduled for every other Wednesday night from 5:30 - 7:30 pm, from June to August. Seven youths attended on a regular basis. We had lessons on the Eucharist, and activities included many challenging games and a hike at Mosquito Hill. The youth really enjoyed the opportunity to gather.

B. School Report-Marie Gorman:

--EANS Funds Update:1) New Math Series was purchased - Sadlier (Catholic based publisher):2) New Science Series was purchased - HMH publisher: K - 5th grade - Intro Science : 3) 6th - 8th grade - Science Dimensions (extension from Intro Science): 4) Four



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Teacher Laptops - that have Windows (this is needed for compatibility with SMART boards). One SMART board is in the process of being purchased, and additional boards will be purchased one at a time.

-- Extra After School Activities: The School would like to offer a Running Club and a Cooking Club. A letter will be sent home to find out about student interest before school starts.

- -Teacher grade levels: Miranda Stern - 4K, 5K, & 1st grade ; Alexis Kelbert - 2nd & 3rd grade ; Danielle Traeger - 4th & 5th grade (just yesterday we had request records for our only 5th grader be sent to the New London Middle School) ; Katie Riehl - 6th, 7th, & 8th grade.

--Current Enrollment: 35 students

--Open House for the 2021-2022 School Year is Friday, August 27, from 4-6pm.

--Accreditation: There were 73 separate Benchmarks that were examined in the 4 Domains. Domain A: Mission and Catholic Identity; Domain B: Governance and Leadership; Domain C: Academic Excellence; Domain D: Operational Vitality. Action Plans were made for all these aforementioned areas, where needed.

--A deep clean of the school was undertaken during the summer break, starting with the boiler room, and then including the teachers' lounge, and library.

--On various Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer, the teachers came into school to work on Curriculum Mapping for the Accreditation goal.

-- We had one student who fell through the cracks last school year and he came into school throughout the summer to receive additional help. Progress was made in his skill areas.

--"Welcome Back Packets" for families are currently in a bin that is located between the church and school, by the display case. Families have been instructed to pick-up their packets.

-- Mrs. Gorman's teaching schedule for the upcoming year will be from 8:00am to 11:00am each day, along with recess duty in the afternoon. (She will be teaching 1st grade Reading, Writing, Phonics, and Math)

--Fundraisers: School: Amazon Smile- The School would like to have others share this fabulous way that family and friends can support our school when shopping on Amazon. (All they have to do is create a Smile.Amazon account, pick Most Precious Blood Parish, and all the money raised helps offset the \$10,000 fundraiser requirement set forth in the budget.) The School is planning an "Ask Donation" for Novels for the 3rd - 8th grade. The focus will be more on providing novels for the Middle School classroom. We have almost sold out of the Assorted boxes of our Candy Bars. The School is looking into possibly selling Cookie Dough this year. We have 1 vendor asking about the Craft Fair for this Fall. The Home and School is looking into selling pizzas this Fall, instead of Candy Bars.



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C. New Business

--Mrs. Gorman distributed copies of the results of the Visiting Team Summaries for accreditation for MPB School. All Board members are asked to review these summaries and be prepared to discuss the results at the upcoming September Board meeting.

--The Board asks that the School and the Religious Education/Youth Ministry programs plan for a potential virtual school, in the event that a need for quarantine arises during the school year.

--A list of the upcoming scheduled School Board meetings for this 2021-2022 School Year were distributed so that all members can mark their calendars.

--The Craft Fair is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 6th. Carrie Schneider stated she would contact Wendy Krueger to ask if she would be interested in chairing a "Knowlegeathon" as an additional fundraiser event.

D. Old Business

--School Choice update: our school currently has 18 and a half students who qualify for School Choice. This results in approximately \$154,000 coming back to the parish. The Board would like to express their gratitude to Fr. John, the Parish Council, Tina Noel and all staff who helped organize, advertize, collect and support this program for our school and parish.

--Mrs. Gorman reported that the Middle School students will be starting an online course in Spanish this school year. This elective will help expand our student's general curriculum.

E. Closing Prayer-Carrie led the Board in a Hail Mary to close the meeting.

Next proposed Meeting date – **Tuesday, September 14th, 2021, 6:00 PM.** The Board is preparing for a face-to-face meeting in September, accompanying the meeting with an online presence for anyone unable to physically attend.



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Total Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday May 11, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Tele-Conference Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Carrie Schneider, Marie Gorman, Father John, Joan Stemler, Michelle Hutchison, Mike Abel, Sarah Rose VanCamp, Debbie Martin

Opening Prayer- Our Father

A. Religious Ed Report-Joan Stemler

- Classes were done as of May 1st.
- First Holy Communion Mass was held on Sat. April 17th, with 17 children receiving the Sacrament.
- Fr. John will be celebrating the Confirmation Mass on Friday, May 21st at 6 PM. This will be by invitation only. Eighteen students will receive the Sacrament: 16 from MPB and 2 from St. Patrick's.
- A four-day Vacation Bible School will be held this summer from July 20th-July 23rd, from 8:45-11:45AM, with grades K-5. The theme will be the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- Several campers have applied for the PCCW campership to attend Camp Tekakwitha.
- This Summer, there will be Middle School Youth Nights, scheduled for every other Friday night starting June 11th and ending August 20th, from 5:30-7:00PM. This program is for youth entering grades 6-8 in the Fall. This Youth Nights program is looking for volunteers to help. Please check the parish website for further information.
- The Green Bay Youth Conference at Our Lady of Good Help was scheduled for December, 2020, but was postponed. It is now re-scheduled for June 5th for our 9th graders.

B. School Report-Marie Gorman:

- EANS Funds has been approved and the funds will be available at the end of the month.
- As of today, our projected enrollment for 2021-2022, is 35 students. There are some current families who have not returned their registration forms.
- Marie presented the Board with a detailed summary of the results of our recent Diocesan Accreditation Visit. This visit was all done virtually. Benchmarks that were



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"Partially Met" require an Action Plan to be created, to outline how progress will be made in those specific areas. These Action Plans are to be created or at least started by the first week of June, 2021. Each year our School will complete a report updating our

progress on each Benchmark with regards to the Action Plan Document. Our school has approximately 5 years until the next Accreditation Visit, at which time we will need to show that the Benchmarks are now in compliance. Much discussion followed. Fr. John expressed his thanks to Mrs. Gorman for the tireless hours she and Suzanne Drier invested to upload the information needed for this virtual visit and the hours devoted to the completion of this 3-day Visit.

-Our School can plan on having 17 students for School Choice for the 2021-2022 school year, which brings approximately \$8300 to our school, for each student.

-Contracts and Work Agreements will be given out to staff very soon.

-Mrs. Core (3rd& 4th grade) is out on maternity leave. Miss Kelbert is subbing for the remainder of the school year.

-The 2021-2022 school year calendar will be finalized and distributed by the end of May.

C. New Business

-The April board minutes were distributed to all. Michelle Hutchison made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Abel seconded. Motion passed.

-Carrie Schneider noted that it would be very beneficial for our school to introduce new and unique programs to our curriculum for our upper grades. There are plans and hopes in the discussion stage, to expand our middle school curriculum to benefit our students and perhaps entice new students.

D. Closing Prayer-Fr. John led the Board in a Hail Mary and closed the meeting with a Blessing.

Next proposed Meeting date – Tuesday, August 10th, 2021, 6:00 PM