

School Board Minutes

10/12/2021

In Attendance: Kara Hobgood, Jennifer Shultz, Chuck Brawner, Christine Koenig, Miranda Wantland, Kate Temple, Fr. Jason, Lara Krill

Fr. Jason led meeting in prayer.

Sharing positive stories about our month.

Principal's Report

- Pre-K is full and on a waiting list!
- Covid update: no change to COVID protocols. Is working well. Archdiocese recommends if 25% of student population in quarantine school should go remote. Staff vaccinations have helped with teachers not going in quarantine. Several schools considering "test to stay" option. This is through a third-party program that provides testing services for students who are quarantined and if they test negative, they can stay at school and would not have to quarantine. Students would test daily to stay in school. It is funded through a government program. Staffing concerns regarding who would deliver the tests. Distance learning is being offered now and St. Gabriel is not considering "test to stay."
 - Kara (student council liaison) feels keeping distance learning as an option is better choice than "test to stay"
 - Seems like a lot of responsibility for staff to keep up with testing for this option.
- Open house: positive feedback from families. Follow up will include: Student council members will write personal thank you notes to families that attended. Kathy Wood will then follow up with the families. They will also receive the quarterly update "Roaring Good News."
- CEF tuition assistance dates have changed. See attached report**
- K-3 students were given dyslexia screener if they scored lower on MAP tests.
 - Kara explained how her homeroom teacher went through MAP scores with her as a student.
- Professional Learning Overview: only catholic grade school to have an instructional coach
 - For a set amount of time, she teaches with them and helps them improve in focus goal areas.
- After fall break, extracurricular activities will be phased back in. see attached report for how these activities will be brought back**
- Miranda voices concern regarding explanation of standards based grading for Kindergarten students. The goal is to use this tool through second grade.

Sacraments:

Fr. Jason wants to work towards DRE model. Director of religious education position is desired. He needs someone to be head of formation on parish side. That person can set vision for formation from cradle to grade. One person will be director, second will be youth group, other will oversee two other groups. CLOW has been let go for a year. Still discussing if this will be brought back.

First Communion and Confirmation are being worked on as a team effort. Next year that will change. There will be a point person next year for that. RCIA team has a strong team and are working on that together.

Adult formation is pausing for the moment. Some groups are self-sufficient and are continuing their own.

Therese Brennan wants to focus on missionary work and will transition to do that after Easter.

Mrs. Simpson is point person for youth group. She has an average of 10 members.

Need an events procedure to make sure we aren't overwhelming community with too many events at one time. Need to sync all calendars. Kate suggests share point calendar.

First communion meetings were Sunday and was good experience for all. Had three small meetings to cover entire class.

Technology Plan:

Our plan is expiring at the end of the year. Need to review and revise. Use technology to enhance current programs.

- Worked on onboarding and outgoing processes.
- Building teacher understanding of resources available.
- Dreambox and Nearpod
- Looking at some green technology (hindered by COVID)
- Now have newsletter for parents, have redone website and adopted schoology
- Streamlining social media
- Upgrades have been done to campus to support new technologies: rewired campus, new access points, upgraded internet speed and wireless.

- Working on getting new phones and new phone system.

Kate asks how to we begin new plan after current expires in spring of 2022:

- Mrs. Krill wants to focus on new laptops and technology we are getting. Streamlining technology and keeping it updated. How can we keep these devices sustained and working for longer periods of time?
- Long range plan would be to incorporate student piece. How do we get students to help with tech support? How do we bring back student announcements? Students involved in marketing and creating videos and social media content.
- Questions about bringing back morning announcements and giving students experience behind and in front of the camera. Parents with journalism experience that could help with this.
- 2 of 3 of technology team are new to their position

How do we capture students' ideas? Could we have them fill out time and talent sheet? How do we have them reflect on time/talent/treasure on their own. Incorporate into theology?

MAP : will be discussed next month.

Cafeteria updates: at a standstill because funding is not completely there. Supply chain is also an issue.

St. Gabriel needs a building and facilities master plan. 3 categories 1. Things we need in the next budget cycle. 2. Things that would be nice and maybe attainable 3. Dream big!

Don't do things on an emergency basis. What's the 5-year plan? No facilities component in the strategic plan.

Fr. Jason would like to discuss further in future meeting.

Kara would like to see QR codes utilized to give students opportunities to submit ideas and have their voice heard. More communication between the student council and admin.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM



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Mission Statement: *"We educate through the Catholic values of faith, family, tradition, and innovation empowering everyone to soar with possibilities."*

Vision statement:

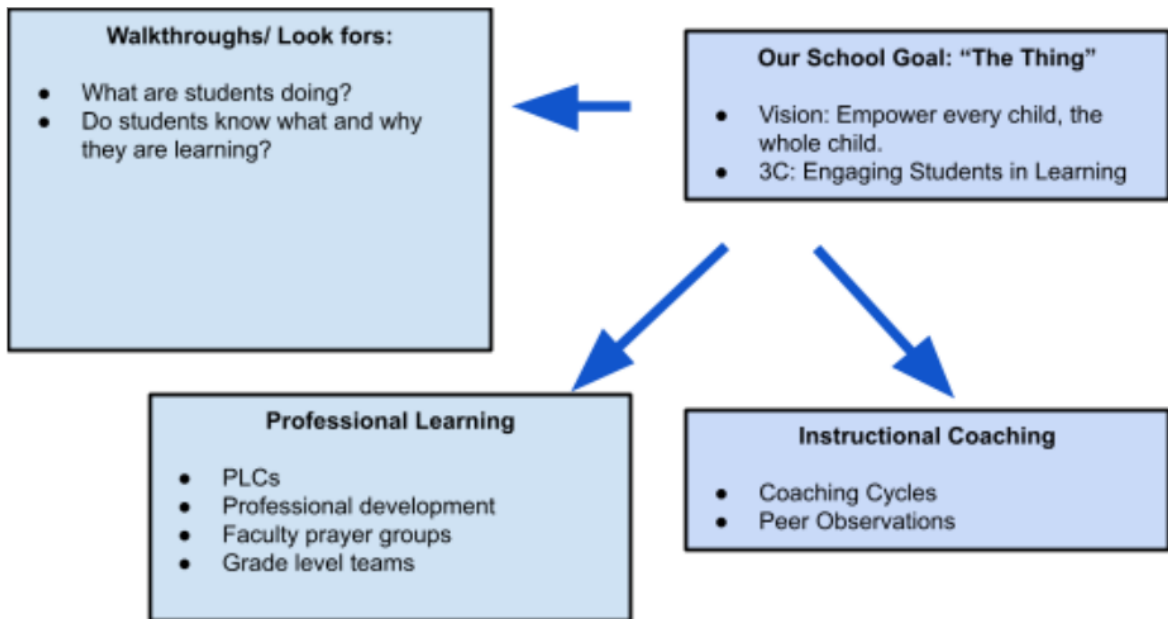


Enrollment Report

	2021-22	
K	57 (-1)	
1	52	
2	55	
3	50	
4	51	
5	72	
6	69	
7	77	
8	55 (-1)	

Total	538 (-2)	
Pre-K	103 (+2)	
w/Pre-K	641 (no change)	

- COVID-19 update
 - o August- 7 cases
 - o September- 15 cases
 - o October- 4 cases
 - o No changes to COVID protocols
 - o Do not expect a holiday buffer, unlikely that Archdiocese will have all schools go on distance learning- school by school decision
 - o Test to Stay option with Wild Health
- Archdiocese update
 - o Enrollment for 2021-2022 18,206 students (+629)- total for elementary/secondary)
 - o [Archdiocese Accreditation](#)
 - Initiative 1: The Data Wise Framework
 - Initiative 2: MAP Assessment
 - Initiative 3: Response to Intervention (RTI)
 - Initiative 4: Building the Capacity of Catholic School Leaders
 - Initiative 5: Internal Quality Assurance Process
- Marketing
 - o Open House for Prospective families: October 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 - 14 families attended
- CEF tuition assistance
 - o window changed to November 15- January 31
 - o Tuition rates due by February 1 (was March 1)
 - o Families will be notified in April (was June)
- MAP
 - o Fall testing window complete
 - o Added new dyslexia screener
 - o Individual conferences with students
 - o Share family reports at P-T-S conferences
- Hurricane Ida drive- featured on local and New Orleans TV news
- Professional Learning Overview



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- Teacher recognition luncheon- Nov 3
 - o Savannah Farley- 5 years
 - o Niamh Lutes- 20 years
 - o Lisa Lauder- 30 years
 - o Julia Weaver- 30 years
- Extracurricular activities guidelines
 - o Limit one grade level at a time
 - o Attendance for each meeting- same day
 - o Wipe down desks/ chairs after use
 - o If not in classroom, space has to be reserved
 - o Hand washing at beginning
 - o Maintain 3 feet of distance and masks must be worn inside
 - o Instructions for pick-up
 - o Parent permission slip
- Upcoming Dates
 - o October 14 (8 a.m.-8 p.m.) Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences
 - o October 15 & 18- No School
 - o October 21- 1:00 dismissal
 - o October 26 @7 a.m.- 9 a.m.- Picture make-up day
 - o October 28 @6:30 p.m.- technology committee
 - o October 29 Walk-a-thon, Halloween parties (no parents)
 - o November 1 @ 8:15 a.m.- Feast of All Saints Mass
 - o November 4 @3:15 p.m.- ILIT
 - o November 8-23 Canned Food Drive