

ST. ANTHONY BOARD OF ED September 2020 MEETING

Tuesday September 15th, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. on ZOOM

1. Opening Prayer: Mosegnor
2. Roll Call: Monsignor P Father Dolan P Jim Sarcone P Sheila Thurston P Ruth Sereg P
Joe Fitzgerald P Mary Porter P Joel Westrum P Mary Strickler A Harry Reed P
Administration: Jennifer Raes P
Faculty Rep.: Kari Howard P
DRE: Chris Corrice A was working with Confirmation Students
3. Approval of Agenda: Mary Porter and Jim Sarcone
4. Approval of Minutes: Mary Porter and Joel Westrum
5. Audience concerns: (Limited to a total of 20 min. A max of 5 min. per person) recommend email: boardofeducation@stanthonysm.org prior to BOE meeting with concerns. No Concerns
6. Reports:
 - a. DRE: emailed out
 - RE classes in person are starting the weekend of 9/13.
 - Class sizes are small this year and some parents are teaching from home.
 - Confirmation in person also is starting this month. All three tracks are either full or close to.
 - One family is teaching so far from home.
 - We are fortunate that our programs can be used either way and students can be engaged in a variety of ways.
 - looking forward to the revamped RE books next year which will offer new experiences for students.
 - I am beta testing a new post confirmation group this month with a select number of students.
 - If successful I plan to start it in October. This group will engage students who feel called to make a difference in the world and we will be using the DOCAT app focused on the social teaching of the Catholic Church. The group will be open to current students as well as students who have been confirmed previously.
 - b. Home and School: emailed out
 - Last H & S meeting 09/18/20 – 13 Attendees
 - Our Back To School Teacher Lunch was held on Wednesday, Aug. 19th. We served walking tacos, homemade salad, and cupcakes. The teachers came down to the cafeteria and took food back to their desks.
 - Heather Carman is our new VP. Jennifer Wong's term is up. We are still working on a new Treasurer.
 - Teacher/Staff Birthdays – This year we will try to make them feel extra special by delivering an actual cupcake or favorite item to them rather than giving them a gift card. Heather is handling this.
 - Teacher Nameplates from Sticks ordered for five teachers. Should be done anytime now.

- Still need Homeroom Volunteer for Kindergarten English. A work in progress. Every other classroom has a Volunteer!
- Went through the Homeroom Parent packets and discussed.
- Approved our budget as well as a \$22,000 donation to the school's general fund. (This is wonderful)
- Approved donation of \$3,300 to new music teacher for drums/guitars (This is wonderful)
- Conferences – Again this year we are providing meals for the teachers for two of the three days of conferences. A food Sign Up sheet was passed around for helpers.
- Halloween Party – Friday, October 23rd. Planning meeting is set for Wednesday, Sept. 16th at 7:00 at Jethro's on Park.
- Fall Fundraiser – StepItUpKids.com – Yields 50% profit on ALL products. 100% virtual. Kicks off Tuesday, Sept 15th.
- Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria.

c. Administration/Principal: emailed out

- Had a week together with staff to plan and prep before school started. We attended mass together during that week and got to say hello to Monsignor and Father and be blessed.
- Teachers have been working on training for new formal assessments this year. K-5 doing the FAST testing for reading and math. 6-8 doing the MAP testing for reading and math. – One Day progressive data – St. Francis does it – replace Iowa Assessment – More focused read
- We have 24 at home learners currently.
- At home learner packets are ready for pick up every Friday. Working very well.
- At home learners come up to school for assessments.
- St. Anthony Junior and Plus have great numbers and great reception for year one. – Daycare all day 6:30-5:30 remarkably busy – is this cheaper than day care? Definitely – plus has added for 3-6th grade 25-3- & 4-year old's
- We had a soft start for Preschool and Prekindergarten and that was nice before they came on a regular basis.
- School carline and using separate doors has gone very well. Letting kids in at 8:00 instead of 8:10 has really helped as well.
- More lunch times helps with social distancing, but it is a lot of work for staff on duty. Hoping more volunteers can help.
- Working with DM Public a lot, with virtual IEP meetings.
- Had the playground power washed and sanitized. It looks awesome! This led to power washing the campus.
- First all school mass was on Sept 9. Went smooth. Attendance is by 2 grades while the others watch live in their classroom.

- Walgreen's came in to offer a flu shot to staff and families.
- Fundraiser starting week of Sept 14
- Meeting with new staff weekly
- Meeting with math teachers one grade at a time to work on any gaps and overlaps in curriculum within the building and address kids missing school time in the Spring due to start of Covid.
- Mask wearing (students), mask and/or shield wearing (staff), masks wearing (visitors), and using desks shields all going very well.

1. Faculty Reports: emailed out

- This year has brought on many new and different challenges, but teachers are working hard to provide a great education to both the in person and virtual learners.
- Overall, staff is adjusting to the new demands of COVID and glad to be faced to face with kids.

2. Community Event/fund Raiser: Home & School working on Fall Fundraiser

- Safer fund raiser
- 50% will come back

3. Current Registration: 276, 10- Preschool 3, 39 – Prekindergarten 4, 1 PreK Span Imm (not already in PreK)

d. Budget/Finance:

- Golf outing turn out great - \$18,000.00 profit (per Monsignor)

e. Parish Council – Monsignor attended

- 3 sections together Spanish, English & Latin
- Historic Registry – November meeting – next hurdle – seems to be moving along nicely

f. Faith Formation:

- Monsignor researched - PEW Research Pew research: ages 13 to 17. 21% believe religion is very important 36% somewhat important 27% Catholics believe it's very important 46% believe some important 4% believe it's not important at all evangelical Christians 71% believe in God with certainty 45% Catholic youth believe in God with certainty weekly service church service 64% evangelicals go to church weekly 40% of Catholics go to weekly service. 51% of evangelical catholic Christian pray daily while 27% of Catholic youth pray daily
- Build a Fundamental School
- Catholic Radio – Science
- Creation – Shroud of Turin Research in complying
- Case for Christ

 **New St. Anthony Book**

- The book about St. Anthony Church is in its final stages. Monsignor Chiodo would like me to take a little more time to include the needed pictures before we go to print.
- The first round of edits has been completed and a final round of edits will be done while the pictures are being added.

✚ **Hope to Die Study**

- The new Adult Faith Formation Bible study, “Hope to Die” by Scott Hahn, begins Sep 23rd and 24th. There is a Wednesday evening class and a daytime class on Thursdays. Currently, the daytime class is almost full.

✚ **Newsletter**

- The next newsletter will go out at the end of September. - mailed to all people who are registered as parishioners.
- We will mail a Spanish copy the newsletter to those who requested it in Spanish. I have encouraged Fr. Reynaldo to invite people to register with the parish if they have not already.

✚ **4th Annual Golf Outing**

- This was a great success this year. We started with the goal to raise \$2,000 since the issue of coronavirus. However, that goal was changed to \$10,000 after a couple weeks of working on it--we got more positive in our hearts. To our surprise, we passed \$14,000 raised so far (at the time of this letter). The total net dollars raised are expected to be around \$15,000, which is \$2,000 more than last year. Hats off to Jim O’Donnell for his great leadership.

✚ **Adult Faith Formation for 2020-2021**

- The studies for Adult Faith Formation are laid out through the year. It would be nice if the parents of the students were kept informed of their opportunities to grow in their faith through these studies. Flyer included to BOE

g. Marketing: emailed out

- Kudos to Father Dolan and Monsignor for getting FB marketing going.
- Has there been some engagements from Facebook? Not for sure – Father Dolan does not have a way to target that. – Reached 21,000 people so would think that some have come from that
- Was allotted \$300 but received the okay for another \$50
- Sent Jennifer an email to go in School ENews to re-establish Marketing (Enrollment) committee – already translated in Spanish and sent to Kim
- Can this be shared with Kim? Send her another email to remind her of this
- Checked in with previous Marketing Volunteer
- Will be attending Diocesan Marketing meeting – during the day (virtually)
- Update requested if anyone will be reaching out to local news media? Father Dolan did take it to Staff meeting – will follow up

7. Old Business: No

8. New Business

1. Stem Reports:
 - Sheila has been in contact with Nancy – keeps her on the radar – hopefully will be possible to have close contact after pandemic.
 - Shoe Drive? – space requirement – would have to be quite large – do not for see this would be beneficial for this – do appreciate all the effort put into this
 - Open to Ideas
2. Recruitment announcements: Still looking – BOE members need to email Jim on time left on Board – get a jump on this
 - Trying to recruit someone from Hispanic Community (will have to update constitution & policies if happens)

9. Next BOE Meeting Tuesday October 20th, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. ZOOM

10. Motion to Adjourn: Mary and Jim

11. Closing Prayer: Father Dolan

12. Motion to have Executive: (if necessary) not necessary