

ST. ANTHONY BOARD OF ED MARCH 2021 MINUTES

Tuesday March 9th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Meeting

1. Opening Prayer: Chris Corrice
2. Roll Call: Monsignor-P Father Dolan-P Sheila Thurston-P Ruth Sereg-P Joe Fitzgerald-P
Mary Porter-P Harry Reed-P Joel Westrum-P

Administration: Jennifer Raes-P

Faculty Rep.: Kari Howard-P

DRE: Chris Corrice-P

3. Approval of Agenda: Mary Porter and Joel Westrum
4. Approval of Minutes: Mary Porter and Harry Reed
5. Audience Concerns: (Limited to a total of 20 min. A max of 5 min. per person) recommend email: boardofeducation@stanthonydsm.org prior to meeting. Tom Buckmiller attended with interest of joining St. Anthony BOE-He has 3-children who attend SAS, he is a professor, wife is a teacher @ St. Francis of Assisi. He is originally from Yankton, South Dakota.
6. Reports:
 - a. DRE: emailed out-
 - Confirmation student's year two are halfway thru. Last weekend was their Lenten retreat. If you are interested in what they watched here is the playlist:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUiZhZM9eFRqmK94KSBKjICZWIJ3QKVck>
 - Year one students have finished class and are moving to register for year two this month and followed by SAS in May/June then open enrollment for any spots left from June on.
 - Year two classes are capped by space and diocesan safety guidelines to ten students per class.
 - New year one beta tests for the next Confirmation year one series from the YOUCAT are continuing at the participant's request this month.
 - Catechists are evaluating a new first grade/year one First Communion book, YOUCAT for kids- looks exciting.
 - Seventh grade catechist is also evaluating the teen version for use in her RE program. My desire is for students attending RE for both First Communion and Confirmation to have a year of study in a catechism that is adapted for their age and comprehension level.
 - Bulk ordering will provide a lower parish cost as we would be going from around \$20/book to \$11 before a parish discount of at least 20% or more depending on numbers ordered.
 - This will help us reach my overall goal for every student to have a Bible and Catechism, two books I feel are essential to all Catholic's spiritual development.
 - Will need 6 Catechists in fall 3-English, 3-Spanish.

- b. Home and School: No report-meeting March 9, 2021
- c. Administration/Principal: emailed out.
 - Thanks to Megan Palmgren for her work on completing a grant to Casey's. -We were granted \$13,000 towards our work in upgrading to interactive boards in the classrooms. This will cost around \$5000 per room. Teachers will also go through training to know how these can enhance the teaching and learning in the room. This is awesome! Thank you very much Megan! We appreciate it.
 - Covid cases in the school staff and students -since first day of school, Aug. 24, 2020, remains under 10.
 - Most of our staff is vaccinated from Covid.
 - Enrollment is progressing positively and going smoothly. We have been giving tours over the past three weeks since we announced enrollment. We mailed information about enrollment to any Catholic families that baptized a child in the past 6 years and live on our area or around any Catholic church that does not have a school in DM or surrounding areas. Many people have commented on the videos we put online for PreS, PreK, K, Junior, and Plus.
 - Adjustments to Lent due to Covid-everyone has video links for Palm Burning and Stations of the Cross to view weekly and participate with their students since we are unable to gather.
 - The Diocese is studying math series so we can get a new math series in our schools.
 - Parent teacher conferences went very well. Some were in the classrooms and some were on Zoom. Also, we always have staff able to translate as needed. We covered 21 conferences with a translator.
 - Department of Health-Nutrition and Health Services did their annual review – Passed.
- 1. Current Registration – Registration going well, K-73, 246 have registered so far.
 - [Are they signing up for the debit? Will have to check on.](#)
 - [How are the delinquent tuition? Still sending letters and always working on.](#)
- 2. Community Event/Fund Raiser: to be removed from Agenda Motion and approved. Parish working on Community fundraisers.
- d. Budget/Finance Reports: unable to meet before BOE meeting, meeting after. Financials sent out during BOE meeting will discuss April meeting.
- e. Parish Council: Sheila will attend meeting this Saturday, Mary will send info. to her.
- f. Faith Formation: emailed out.
 - For Immediate Release March 5, 2021 – St. Anthony Catholic Church National Register Application Now Headed to D.C. – on its final leg of this journey. Excellent
 - Adult Faith Formation:
 - **Bible Study:** Just finished “Spiritual Warfare – Discernment of Spirits by Dan Burke and will begin a new study “Jesus’ Passion, the story of redemptive suffering.” The last day of the study will include the movie The Passion of Christ.
 - Communications:
 - **St. Anthony’s New Book:** A book about the history of St. Anthony has been completed and printed. It will go on sale after Easter. There are 200 copies of this first edition. The book is part of the effort for St. Anthony to be included in the

National Register of Historic Places. The process to get the church on the list is on the last stage and we are hopeful that the Nation Parks Services will approve the application. A press release was sent to the Mirror and the Des Moines Register to give them a heads up on our progress. (Included in attachments) sent to the BOE.

- **Newsletter:** The spring newsletter has been sent to the printer and will go to all families of St. Anthony. The Holy Week schedule and information about the launch of the Parish Vision Plan are included. (Included in Attachments) sent to the BOE.
- **Alumni Tuition Assistance and 850 Club:** I worked on both fundraisers, creating a video, Enews and kept an ongoing list of givers and how much was raised. Both did very well, and it seems that people enjoyed being included on the lists.
- **Bulletin and Enews:** The bulletin and Enews continue to provide a good platform for current news and reminders.
- Father Dolan – Staff rebuilding the roster of new servers and they are going to be sending out a letter and if all could fill out – Alter Servers at mass and any other weekly notes to the parents (reaching out to the parents) need to send to Jocelyn by Wednesday so she can get them out.

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g. Marketing: emailed out.

- New updates: Leveraging Diocesan Marketing Plan
 - Diocese is doing mailing to baptized families.
- Will be calling families that have been baptized at St. Anthony church (3–5-year old's).
 - Have a list from Parish office.
 - Requested Darcy to remove families that have already registered.
 - Tried to recruit a couple parents (Need to work on this more.)
 - Have one parent agreeing to help, one declined and one no reply to date.
- Old News: Previously emailed/sent via School eNews request from parents to join Marketing (Enrollment) committee.
 - Do we know when this will be in the bulletin?
 - Requesting BOE members to provide names of individuals in terms of volunteering. Will personally reach out to them. Can this be provided (emailed to Mary) soon?
- Previously we discussed if anyone will be reaching out to local news media (10-year anniversary of Spanish Immersion)? It has been 11 years now. Fr. Dolan had some ideas on this.
- Priority- (English speaking) – would like to have part of Spanish family be part of the BOE. Would Father Renaldo be willing to announce at the Spanish mass? Or a Spanish Immersion student speak at Spanish mass? Chris – I am sure Father Renaldo would be willing to announce. Joe Fitzgerald nominated Zeb to speak.

7. Old Business:

8. New Business:

1. Stem Reports: Jennifer to meet with Nancy.
2. Recruitment announcements: Tom Buckmiller interested

3. Budget/Strategic Planning: did not meet this month. Planning on setting up a time to meet.
9. Next BOE Meeting Tuesday April 20th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. ZOOM meeting
10. Motion to Adjourn: Joe Fitzgerald and Joel Westrum
11. Closing Prayer: Father Dolan
12. Motion to have Executive: (if necessary) yes. Jennifer needed for a few minutes.