

ST. ANTHONY BOARD OF ED APRIL 2021 AGENDA/MINUTES

Tuesday April 20th, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. Zoom Meeting

Tom Buckmiller has been nominated to be on St. Anthony Board of Ed.

Motion to approve Joel motioned to have Tom Buckmiller on the board and Mary Porter second it.

Motioned and approved to have Tom Buckmiller join the St. Anthony Board of Ed.

Welcome aboard.

1. Opening Prayer: Monsignor
2. Roll Call: Monsignor P Father Dolan P Sheila Thurston P Joe Fitzgerald P Ruth Sereg P
Mary Porter P Harry Reed P Joel Westrum P Tom Buckmiller P
Administration: Jennifer Raes P
Faculty Rep.: Kari Howard P
DRE: Chris Corrice P
3. Approval of Agenda: Mary Porter and Harry Reed
4. Approval of Minutes: Joel Westrum and Mary Porter
5. Audience Concerns: recommend email to Board prior to meeting.
boardofeducation@stanthonydsm.org. No Audience concerns – new Board Recruitments
Jaime Leiva – has been a parish member since 2012, Monsignor married him and his wife, he is wanting to be involved with building the bridge with the Latino Community, 2 children and 1 on the way, runs a nonprofit soccer organization.
Joseph Barsetti grew up in the St. Anthony community, Retired and is wanting to give back to the St. Anthony community help bring a deferent perspective into the community.
6. Reports:
 - a. DRE: emailed out.
 - Confirmation year two registration for students who have completed year one is almost finished.
 - Registration for SAS students will begin in May.
 - The year one beta test in the new YOUCAT program is going well.
 - The group of students testing the materials are overwhelmingly supportive of using this with the next year one class.
 - RE is finishing for the year.
 - Overall, we had some bumps, but we made it.
 - Catechists are meeting in May to discuss the fall calendar.
 - Continuing education for catechists will be in a new book during the summer.
 - I am deciding if I will do two classes, one for brand new and one for continuing Catechists.
 - Chris Corrice let the BOE know that he was leaving SAS in May and moving to a different parish and wants to make sure everything in place -Thank you Chris for all

of the Hard Work You Have Done for SAS – We APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH!!!
Monsignor Thanked Chris for his hard work and dedication.

b. Home and School: emailed out.

- **Hotsy Totsy** was a great success!! Chef Andrew said he would love to come back and give us a 10% kick back. He sold out of everything but the corn dogs. WAHOO!! The teachers were very appreciative, and it was a nice addition to the day. We will for sure be doing this again.
- We have decided to postpone our **Scavenger Hunt** until next year.
- **Spring Fundraiser – Dance Fit** was a great success!! We ended up meeting our goal and made the school **\$15,643.32**!! Wow! Wow! Wow! We will be attempting to provide popcorn and a drink to all the kids at school sometime in May for meeting our goal!! Thank you to all parents and teachers for working so hard.
- The 3rd Grade Spanish class won a Pizza Party so we provided pizza from Costco for them!
- We will host a reception for **8th Grade Graduation** on Thursday, May 27th. Heather Carman (Vice President) is leading this.
- Students in grades 3rd – 8th will be going **bowling**, as in the past, for their unit party. Tentative dates are May 24th – 26th. They will only attend with their grade.
- Students in grades K-2 will have a **movie day**, by grade, in the library. We will provide popcorn and drinks as well. This will happen the last week in May sometime.
- We also have multiple “**appreciation days**” coming up for staff and teachers as well as milestones for teachers and parting gifts for teachers who are leaving SAS.
- We normally would have an “**Election of Officers**” meeting in April. However, we have no positions to fill! Karime and I have decided to stick with it, so you are all stuck with us for two more years. [Thank you for all your hard work we appreciate very much!!!! Glad you both are staying.](#)
- Our **next meeting** will be Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria.

c. Administration/Principal: emailed out.

- Sra Rodrigo and Mrs. Westering both in their last week due to babies arriving soon. Despite many efforts, we could not secure a sub for Sra Rodrigo that speaks Spanish.
- We have completed ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) testing. Took the place of Iowa Assessments. All on computer for grades 3-8.
- We received a huge donation from a family for the coming Spanish Immersion teachers. The family sold their house and donated the majority of the furniture and kitchen items.
- We are excited to have progressed to having all school masses again.

- Covid student cases is at 9 since August.
- Fire and tornado drills have gone well earlier this year. More to come for April and May.
- Hotsy Totsy food truck was a fun morning change up and well received by teachers and families.
- Book Fair was a safe and fun success.
- Students had a nice afternoon retreat with their homeroom on Good Friday.
- Our Spanish Immersion students and natural Spanish speakers took the Dowling placement Spanish exam. – in the past has been paper, this time they did online. they reached out to the parents-placement test and placing them/they sent questions/positive outcome.
- Covid \$ is a large fund having been using, was able to get a guidance counselor for 2 days a week for 2 years, tried to get windows replaced – they denied those but approved fixing them, trying for approval on a wall – hopefully, they will approve.

1. Current Registration: 270 and with hopes of having 280.
 - Preschool has 35 – registered for the 21-22 year.
 - With 11 dual language and 11 English.
 - 3-year-old full and some are waiting
 - Mary asked if there was an age limit to get CTO – if they are 5 then they can apply. Have the Angel Fund if interested – reach out.

- d. Budget/Finance Reports: emailed out. Running over on budget will have to ask Mark – follow up next month. Grant – 10,000 donations – specifically to upgrade the rooms. Building improvements -appears high -ventilation, parking lot. Repairs in the front of the school, custodial doubled (with all the extra cleaning due to COVID) Plexiglass. (will use the EANS (Emergency Assistance to Non Public Schools) fund to help pay for this)
- e. Parish Council: Sheila Thurston attended introducing herself, discussed stem programs, Religion. Parish Council members interested in hearing about the school, they do believe the children are committed to the faith formation at SAS.
- f. Faith Formation: emailed out.
 - 2nd graders received their 1st Reconciliation and all 3rd through 8th graders also received the sacrament during Lent.
 - The last Bible Study concluded but I am getting request to start a new study which will be announced in the next week and offered to all.
 - There is also a new section in the bulletin and Enews with a highlight of the Catechism due to requests by Monsignor and parish council members.
 - We are still waiting to find out if St. Anthony will be added to the Register of Historic Places.
 - The St. Anthony book is now available for purchase in the parish office. The cost is \$15.

- There is a video about the new Parish Vision Plan which can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/53NXbn8lsXg> . The purpose of the video is to introduce the Parish Vision Plan and to invite people to respond to the upcoming requests for them to participate in the Plan. The Hispanic version of the video is still in the process of being produced.
- The Mirror will be doing a story in May about the Vision Plan.
- Parish activity is beginning to pick back up... upcoming May Crowning May 2, K of C pancake breakfast May 16, Rosary Prayer at the Grotto May 15, and Memorial for the Unborn Sep 25.
- I am confident the Golf Outing will also take place which is Sep 10.
- A plan has been put together to organize the church library and we will need students to help record all the books onto an excel spreadsheet.
- Corpus Christi is coming up June 6. Does the school want to participate?

g. Marketing: emailed out.

- Calling Baptized families (children age 3-7) *originally was going to (3-5)*
- Results = Calls in progress (approximately 33% of calls completed), at least two families interested. Will update next month.
- Approx 135 out of 188 kids (phone numbers) assigned to a volunteer to call.
- Several messages left, several inaccurate phone numbers, several Hispanic speakers.

Details /Lessons Learned

- Have a list from Parish office. Requested Darcy to remove families that have already registered.
- Net 188 children names, approximately 170 ish families (several, several families on list have multiple children on the list)
 1. Removed names of families with no phone number listed.
 2. Removed names of families outside of Des Moines metro
 3. If done in future years MUST have parents' name!
 4. If done in future years, must sort by phone number to start with/ assign families.
 5. Parent Engagement
 - SIX parents helping (this is great)! (Majority of those asked agreed!)
 - Each parent was 'assigned' 20 names on the list.
 - Calls also became discipleship for Parish.
 - Targeting for the younger generation.

Next Steps

- Get updates from remaining parents.
- Evaluate getting more volunteers / assigning out remaining names.
- Evaluate how/ where to keep information for future years.
- Discipleship to the parish
- Mary has done a great job, setting up something to sustainable for future.

Old News:

- *Previously we discussed if anyone will be reaching out to local news media (10-year anniversary of Spanish Immersion)?*

7. Old Business: no discussion.

8. New Business:

STEM Reports: Middle school STEM club is going well. Mr. Simpson is working on Robotic Clubs for next year.

1. Recruitment: Jaime Leiva and Joe Barsetti joined into BOE and are both interested in joining both excellent candidates.
2. Budget/Strategic Planning: working on fundraising ideas.
 - Send ideas. All are welcome.
 - (Teacher endowment, Supper Club, recurring plan) motivated with building the faith appealing.

Joe Fitzgerald wanted to know why at Sunday's mass they were saying pornography what is this? Flower Crown Ministry is a group wanting to educate the correct way to discuss the amount of pornography that is happening in a young age to our students, the meeting was in the library this evening meeting with parents that wanted to attend before they talked to the students to try and educate the correct way and how to deal with this when their student comes to them and start asking questions, or if this has happened to one of their children on how to be able to deal with and tell, Jennifer did ask them to redo the flyer. This is a growing problem and glad to see the school is addressing the situation.

9. Next BOE Meeting Tuesday May 18th,2021 @ 6:30 p.m. Library and Zoom.
10. Motion to Adjourn: Mary Porter and Joel Westrum
11. Closing Prayer: Father Dolan
12. Motion to have Executive: (if necessary) Motion and approved