

Total Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 6:00PM

Tele Conference Meeting

Attendees: Fr. John Kleinschmidt, Carrie Schneider, Marie Gorman, Joan Stemler, Debbie Martin, Sarah Rose Van Camp, Mike Abel

Opening Prayer- Our Father

In attendance was a new volunteer, Mike Abel. He is asking to be a member of the Board of Education. Carrie Schneider explained the role and duties of a Board of Education Member. Mike agreed to these duties. A motion was made by Sarah Rose Van Camp to accept Mike Abel as a new Board member. The motion was seconded by Debbie Martin. The motion passed unanimously. Welcome Mike!

- A. Religious Ed Report-Joan Stemler: We continue to meet face-to-face unless we receive directives from the Diocese to go virtual. The Sacramental classes continue to meet once a week and the other classes meet every other week. Catechists and staff are diligent in meeting requirements. The cleaning staff is following cleaning protocols after every meeting. Bishop Ricken has granted parish priests the ability to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to their Confirmands, for this year. Therefore, Fr. John will be celebrating the Confirmation Mass on Friday, May 21, 2021, at 6pm. This Mass will be by invitation only. The First Holy Communion Mass is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 10am, by invitation only. Our Religious Education program continues to keep moving forward.
- B. School Report-Marie Gorman: Marie presented a copy of the 2020-2021 school year budget to all board members. Discussion followed. Marie also presented a copy of the New London School District's proposed calendar for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Marie proposed that MPB Board consider a change to the District's calendar regarding the dates for Spring break and Easter break. Marie proposed that our students attend school on March 14, 15, 16, of 2022 (when the NL district students would be off for Spring Break) and then our students would have NO SCHOOL in April on Holy Thursday the 14th, and Easter Monday the 18th, which are dates the NL students would attend school. Moreover, that schedule change would allow MPB students to have their LAST DAY of School on June 2nd, one day earlier than the NL school district students. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Sarah Rose to accept Marie's calendar changes proposal. The motion was seconded by Mike Abel. The motion passed unanimously. The MPB School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year will be distributed to our school families in April, 2021.

Marie reported that Enrollment for 2021-2022 is projected to be 34 students with some potential for additional new students. Grade levels will be rearranged for next year with some possible changes in positions for staffing, as well. Marie stated that the reading series, Super Kids, will be purchased and implemented in the next school year. A parish-wide fundraiser was begun last week and a Growing Hearts and Minds Tree has been set-up in the church narthex. This Tree will be a visual marker of the money being donated by our generous parishioners. Marie reported that Letters of Intent for the 2021-2022 School Year were given out to staff on March 5th and need to be returned by March 15, 2021.

Fundraisers: the Candy Bar Sale started the first week in February and continues in full force. The Home and School fundraiser of MPB clothing continues and the latest clothing order was collected on March 8th.

C. New Business

- a. Approval of November, 2020 BOE minutes- all board members received a copy of the November minutes. A motion was made by Sarah Rose to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mike. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Approval of February, 2021 BOE minutes- all board members received a copy of the February minutes. A motion was made by Mike to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Sarah Rose. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Old Business

- a. Accreditation- The entire staff continues working on uploading documents for our upcoming Accreditation Site Visit, which is scheduled for April 27, 28, 29, 2021. This visit appears to still be a virtual visit, with staff, Board Members and parents being contacted through phone calls. Carrie suggested that parents be informed that they may receive a phone call from a member of the Accreditation Committee. It would be beneficial to send home a summary of the accreditation process, the steps we have completed for this visit and possible questions the committee may ask parents, as a 'heads-up' for parents who may be contacted.
- b. School Choice- School Choice Enrollment has been opened for a month, for the 2021-2022 school year. We have one more family to re-apply for School Choice.

E. Closing Prayer-Hail Mary