

CPOP Advisory School Board Minutes
December 13, 2021

Mission Statement: The mission of Christ, Prince of Peace Catholic Elementary School is to educate and nurture the whole child - body, mind, and spirit - in a Christ-centered, loving environment.

Attendance: Kelly Suellentup, Jerry Heet, Julia Lembeck, Cindy Fichter, Lisa Perez, Nicole Vehige, Nicole Rogles, Eric Hannah , Fr. Chris Dunlap, Krista Baucum, Holly Lauter, Emily Genovese, Jane Eschmann

Meeting was called to order by Kelly Suellentrop at 6:24pm.

Opening Prayer- Fr. Chris

The October Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved. Krista Baucom moved to approve and Nicole Vehige seconded.

Principal's Report (Mrs. Fichter)

The Archdiocese sent out something today about new COVID guidelines. A working copy of updated covid protocols for CPOP developed by the Task Force was handed out to the Board for review. A target date for moving to mask optional for ELC through 8th grade and all faculty has been set for Tuesday, January 18, 2022, provided it is safe to do so at that time or the County is not under any new mandates. We as a school and community want to try our best to get back to normal. The principals of all nine parochial schools in our West County deanery have been working together to coordinate plans moving forward.

The climate survey that was sent out last month was completed by 73 families, which is about half of our school families. The results will be shared with the community this week.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) Update: The teachers will be using their professional development day on January 3 to work on gathering information regarding curriculum reviews. Once this is gathered they will share information with the school board and SIP committees.

One thing that has already been discussed is increasing the registration fee for ELC students, which is \$150, to be the same as the current fee for grades K-8, which is \$250. There is currently one CPOP family that has not paid the fee for this current school year.

Cindy has been giving lots of tours to prospective families. She will give another tour this week.

January 30th is our school's open house. Currently, we are almost at capacity in terms of available slots for existing classes.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Chris)

We are aware people have varying opinions of how different things have been handled by the school and parish, particularly in terms of COVID. We are aware that oftentimes that talk happens amongst parent circles, but the administration wants you to have conversations with us. We want to know people's thoughts, and can not know them if they don't volunteer them. We also want what is best for our school, so if anyone really wants to know how these decisions are made, they can ask. We will be happy to talk to anyone.

Christmas Eve masses will be at 4pm, 6pm, and 10pm. Christmas Day mass will be at 10am. We hope people will come back to mass for Christmas. We are grateful for all our parishioners do. Pray we all stay safe over the holidays.

PTO Report (Lisa Perez)

An incredible 80% of our CPOP families gave to the faculty Christmas gift fund this year, raising a record of \$9,400, which was evenly distributed in the form of gift cards. Thank you to Kasey Metzner and her crew for taking this on to make sure our faculty felt appreciated.

Happy Birthday Jesus was a success, as was the Waterway fundraiser. Waterway has been one of our biggest fundraisers this year.

The "You've Been Chomped" campaign is going great. They are currently closed for the holidays and will open back up in the spring.

This Thursday, December 16th, PTO will provide Culvers ice cream for the kids during lunch as a Christmas gift.

January 11 is the next PTO meeting.

Finance Report (Eric)

Nothing new to report. Eric, Fr. Chrs, Cindy, Jerry, and Kelly will get together in January to discuss the budget for next year.

Development Report (Nicole Vehige)

No report.

Marketing Report (Nicole Rogles)

Looking at how to help with Open House in January. Marketing has put most focus on bringing in new ELC families.

There are still plans to update the marketing video, but we will wait until the students are no longer in masks.

President's Report (Kelly Suellentrop)

Kelly thanked the board on their valuable feedback and support during what has proven to be a very challenging year.

What's the Buzz?

No buzz reported.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Notes submitted by Emily Genovese