

CPOP Advisory School Board Minutes
January 10, 2022

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 Suellentrop, Cindy Fichter, Krista Baucom, Eric Hanna, Nicole Vehige, Nicole Rogels, Jerry Heet, Jane Eschmann, Lisa Perez, Holly Lauter, Julia Lembeck, Fr. Chris Dunlap, Emily Genovese

Meeting was called to order by Kelly Suellentrop at 7:04.

Opening Prayer

The December Meeting Minutes were reviewed and Holly Lauter moved to approve and Jane Eschmann seconded. Minutes were approved.

Principal's Report (Mrs. Fichter)

COVID update: Thank you to parents for moving to virtual for the first week post Christmas Break. We had a 30% positivity rate in our school community. Currently 16 students are out with COVID and several teachers are out, making our numbers too high to go mask optional at this time. The recommended number to go mask optional is to be under a 2% positivity rate. We will need to maintain that for at least two weeks before going mask optional to see that it is sustainable to reduce the risk of having to go back and forth between protocols. In discussions with surrounding parochial as well as high schools, most all are not in a position to begin mask optional on the original projected date of January 18th. As always, we will continuously monitor the situation.

Currently our overall vaccination rate among students is in the 30th percentile.

Mrs. Fichter is working to finalize the 2022-2023 Calendar. She proposed having Get It Done Day on Wednesday, August 17th, then have Thursday and Friday of that week as half days. There was also discussion around dismissing for Christmas Break later, closer to Christmas, and returning later in January, giving families more time off of school after the holiday than before. Parent/Teacher Conferences will also increase to 15 minutes instead of 10 minutes. Parents would like to have a little longer of a time and not feel so rushed.

School Improvement Plan Update: The SIP meeting has been postponed due to the week of virtual learning.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Chris)

Currently the church will not move to a mask mandate at this time.

The archdiocese will begin the All Things New program in January. This is an effort to get feedback about the current state of the Church and evaluate where it needs to grow in the future to service its people.

Christmas Masses at CPOP were well attended. Chuck Neff will be speaking on January 18, 19, and 20 as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Lent begins on March 2.

PTO Report (Lisa Perez)

PTO made \$1500 on the Waterway sales. The students enjoyed the ice cream from Culvers that PTO provided before Christmas. We will probably do it as a fundraiser in the future.

Our January meeting was canceled due to the uptick in COVID cases in our community.

We will have another restaurant night coming in February and March.

The exec board discussed a Family Bowling event soon.

We are offering babysitting reimbursement for parents who want to attend Chuck Neff's presentations.

Pizza with the Padre will be moving forward this semester

Financial Report (Eric Hannah)

Budget is very much in line with our projections, and Jerry, Cindy, Kelly and Eric will meet to finalize the the budget for 2022-2023.

Development Report (Nicole Vehige)

No report.

Marketing Report (Nicole Rogles)

We are gearing up to help with open house. We will bring students back to be ambassadors during the open house.

We are looking to help promote the Easter Egg Dash this Spring. We are hoping to open it up to Parish families as well.

President's Report (Kelly Suellentrop)

February/March is when we report on the state of the school. Discussion was held on how to handle it this year. Historically, there was an open meeting/presentation that was a lot of work to put together but always poorly attended. Then it moved to inviting interested parents to our March school board meeting to receive a summary of the year and ask questions. Only a couple people attended. Last year Fr. Chris, Mrs. Fichter, and Kelly created a video.

A general consensus was that a large open meeting was not necessary to disseminate the information, and people are always welcome to contact Fr. Chris, Mrs. Fichter, or the School Board with concerns or questions whenever they arise. We are a small school where parents have direct contact with our administration. We agreed on sending out the necessary state of the school reports (budget, test scores, updates, etc) for parents to read at their leisure, and to further discuss other face-to-face options for parents to be able to interact at the next meeting.

Buzz (All Members)

The Fish Fry is a go!

Meeting Adjourn at 8:20pm

Notes Submitted by: Emily Genovese