

St. Catherine of Siena School Advisory Board

October 16, 2018 at 7pm

I. Call to Order

- A. Opening Prayer: Fr. Ryan.

II. Routine Matters

- A. Attendance:
 - 1. Present: Fr. Ryan, Sr. Antonella, Mrs. Bandel, Mayi Apour, Colleen Crespo, Lucy Lozano, Kia Germino, Michael Stallman, Christine Engstrom.
 - 2. Absent: Mr. Nathan Au, Mrs. Tammy Kiely, Mr. Garrett Wade.
- B. Review and Approval of May 15th Meeting Minutes
 - 1. approved unanimously.

III. Information

- A. **Welcome:** Mrs. Apour.
- B. **Verifications of Terms:** Mrs. Apour.
- C. Review of Article III of Constitutions/Bylaws
 - 1. approved
- D. **Pastor's Report:** Fr. John
 - 1. Fr. Ryan proposes to move April 16 meeting to April 9 on account of Holy Week preparations.
 - 2. Silvia Chiesa retired last year. Marc Tomsic is fitting in very well.
 - 3. 2018 phase of Stained Glass renovation now complete (3 months ahead of last year.)
- E. **Principal's Report:** Sr. Antonella
 - 1. Ninth graders (graduated last June): Half are attending Catholic Schools:
 - a) Mercy, Notre Dame, SI, Serra, St. Francis, St. Mark (Boise, Idaho.)
 - b) Remainder attending BHS, Hillsdale, Aragon, or Hillsdale, depending on district.
 - 2. Mrs. Lew: many students came back for the funeral service.
 - 3. 80th Anniversary. Thanks, Mrs. Apour for helping in the planning.
 - 4. Present Enrollment: 308; lower than last year. Kindergarten is very low.
 - 5. Sixth Grade teacher is new; doing very well. Kindergarten teacher is also new.
 - 6. Altar servers training 3x already with Fr. Tuan. Hopefully they will do very well. He retrained the older ones alongside the new ones.
 - 7. Local high schools have come and given their presentations. Mercy, ND, SI, and Serra sent representatives and St. Catherine alumni. Eighth graders need to start thinking about making a decision; applications are due soon. It sounds like many more are interested in Catholic schools this year.
 - 8. K and 1 had vision screening to see who needs to see the eye doctor.
 - 9. Junior and Children's choir groups have started; both sang at 9am Mass.
 - 10. Field Trips have started this week. Junior High going to Serra HS next week for the play.
 - 11. Parent-teacher conferences are finished. Teachers expressed appreciation for having them earlier this year, compared to the typical November dates.
 - 12. Trimester end approaches Nov. 14; report cards to be sent the following Tuesday. All report cards to be delivered electronically this year.
 - 13. Counseling program has started. Counselor comes a full day on Monday and sees children as needed. Will also work in the classrooms and with small groups as needed.
 - 14. Tours started three weeks ago, proceeding once per week. They have been well-attended. Most parents are looking for K; older grade interest usually comes after Christmas.
 - 15. One new staff member: Mrs. Carey is here part-time to help students who need extra help.
 - 16. Shadowing: some students have already gone. Full week of shadowing is coming up. Public schools have different schedules.

IV. Committee Report:

A. **Sports:** Mrs. Engstrom

1. Volleyball — a lot of games in our Gym
 - a) fifth grade on the leaderboard in 6th place
 - b) sixth grade: two teams, one in second place
 - c) Junior Varsity: a St Catherine's team in second place
 - d) Division three: second place
2. **Baseball**
 - a) doing well
3. The girls' commissioner is leaving the school this year so we will be seeking a successor. Also, the cheerleading coordinator/coach is leaving after 20+ years.

B. **Technology:** Mrs. Bandel

1. Contracted with company called Bonsai over the summer. All iPads, computers, Chromebooks upgraded with apps installed. New Chromebooks purchased. Everyone down to third grade had to sign a technology agreement. WiFi and Comcast plan both upgraded. Tech fee for 6th-8th is \$50. Teachers are happy with the service; they don't have to provide tech support anymore. Bonsai is responsive by email and can update apps remotely. Chromebooks and iPads can all be monitored and blocked centrally. Fourth grade has 15 chromebooks. Looking into purchasing another whole-class set. Email addresses now assigned all the way down to 4th grade with Google Docs. We have a new printer. (Big upgrade.) With this comes digital citizenship, Razkids, typing codes, Math codes for online logins. Volunteer hours now online for the parents. The technology program at the school and how the children relate to computers and the Internet is very impressive.

C. **Finance:**

1. Fr. Ryan: 'School books look "very good" and submitted to the Archdiocese.' Mr. Wade, Rob Simonds, and Jackie Devgan closed up the books.
2. Sr. Antonella: Biggest expense is technology-related.

V. **Old Business**

VI. **New Business**

A. **Renaissance Star testing:** Mrs. Bandel

1. September 4-14 STAR testing with technology. All averages above grade level. Some students need more help. Learning about differentiated learning.
2. Sr. Antonella: based on test results some additional help has been offered to students who need it. The resource teacher helps. From 11:30-12:30 three girls from Mercy come to tutor in the upper grades.
3. Now also tutoring: Jr. high kids tutor the younger ones Tues. and Thurs. They do a good job and the little ones love the Jr. high students.
4. Mrs. Bandel: 4th 5th high learners are engaged in the enrichment program. STEM projects in small groups who work collaboratively. This year one project is a world travel program. There are two groups. Two sessions: Fall-Jan, Jan-May.
5. Mrs. Bandel: Next STAR test Nov 5-18.

B. **Walkathon:** Mrs. Apour

1. Attendance was good.
2. Class colors were new this year; easier to spot and it was more colorful.
3. New photoboard provided by Mrs. Germino. She would like to store it at the school.
4. Sr. Antonella: Raffle tomorrow.

VII. **Comments from the Floor**

- A. Fr. Ryan: School Masses in November: All Saints Day; All Souls Day, day before Thanksgiving.
- B. Halloween parade in morning; carnival midday; 12:30 dismissal and after-school care still available.

VIII. **Adjournment.**