



**St. Catherine of Siena
School Advisory Board**

November 17, 2020 at 7:30pm
Virtual Zoom

Meeting Schedule for the 2020 – 2021 School Year:

Tuesday, January 19th
Tuesday, February 16th
Tuesday, April 27th
Tuesday, May 18th
End of the Year Dinner (?)

I. Call to Order

A. Opening Prayer: Fr. John

II. Routine Matters

A. Attendance

Fr. John Ryan, Sr. Antonella Manca, Mr. Nathan Au, Mrs. Patty Bandel, Mrs. Colleen Crespo, Mrs. Kia Germino, Mrs. Lucy Lozano, Mrs. Jeanne Meinhardt, Mrs. Fany Mayfield, Mrs. Dana Dwyer, Mr. John Scarcella, Mr. Michael Stallman

B. Review and Approval of February 18th and October 20th Meeting Minutes

III. Information

A. Welcome: Mr. Au

Good to see everyone.

B. Pastor's Report: Fr. John

Children returning; it's a joy to see them. We're still livestreaming. Planning to open the doors for livestream Masses for First Sunday of Advent. Unwise given local county back to red tier. Attendance has been "very, very good given the circumstances." Some Masses close to 100 people. Even the 4:30 Mass had 40 people, one weekend; 30 people the other two weekends. Not a permanent thing — strictly for the "times we're living in." Thinking about Advent and Christmas Schedule, but even our "thinking" has been given pause by the recent developments. Hope and pray we'll be able to have at least 100 people for the various Masses. Thanks all of us for our participation on the school board, school, and parish.

C. Principal's Report: Sister Antonella.

Thanks everyone and Fr. John for everything they did when Sister was on leave. First trimester has ended; looking at report cards and will send home on Friday. The only thing that gave a little light was when the little ones were able to do a parade and enjoy the costumes and have a little fun with each other. No food drive or anything like that—we don't want things coming from home and going into the school. School tours for new applicants are ongoing — seventeen kindergarten applications already. Talk to your friends; now is the time to apply. Mrs. Bandel on Covid-19: We're on red tier but that does not put a damper on our re-opening plans. Sixth, seventh, eighth planning. We had to reorganize our cohorts a little bit. Instead of

AM/PM cohorts we're doing MTu/WTh and every other Friday. Eighth had enough distance learners they'll be in-person every day. Recesses are staggered and following all the protocols has been great. Teachers have been doing a great job and students as well. Nathan asks about update; Mrs. Bandel will share if she needs to. Mr. Scarcella asks about applications for next year; Sister says they're about the same compared to last year. So much uncertainty right now people might not know what to do for next year. Mr. Au asks about STAR results; Mrs. Bandel gives a good report.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Technology: Mrs. Patty Bandel

Bonsai (our tech team) has been wonderful; They've made a few extra trips to make sure everything is working properly. School website will get a facelift hopefully by the new year. Health Screening app has been in place by Beehively (working great for most families). SCTV comes out once per week; hope you are enjoying it. New dot cameras in various grades. Virtual tour has been posted; please share it. We have a new video also that is shared during the virtual tour. Star testing shows all grades above grade level. The owl has been working fine. Teachers have been utilizing the owl. Going to red or purple doesn't mean anything, because we have the waiver. Air purifiers have been purchased for every grade. Kia asks what happens if someone at the school tests positive; Mrs. Bandel says there's guidance for different outcomes, depending on cohort, percentages affected, how many cohorts, etc. Parents will definitely be notified if someone in our child's cohort has been affected. We had Covid testing, and will do it again on Dec. 9th. That will be once per month. The school contracted with Curative for weekly saliva swabs. These test events do not cost the school anything. Fany asked what is the turn-out; Mrs. Bandel thinks it was around 150 people. The host company bills your insurance behind the scenes.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- A. Verification of Terms: Mr. Au.
Michael, Fany, Lucy going out at the end of the year.

VII. Comments from the Floor

- A. Fr. Ryan wants to acknowledge the excellent work by all the faculty and staff — all the people every morning taking temperatures, carting books — it's a different world but it's an inspiration for him. Seeing smiles on people's faces is wonderful.
- B. Mrs. Germino would like to add that the staff has done a wonderful job, kids know what to do, and everything has been very smooth.
- C. Sister Antonella: today it was raining so hard at dismissal and the children had fun in the rain.
- D. Mrs. Mayfield says the children kept at home feel it's 100% better; they feel very connected and the owl works out well.
- E. Mr. Scarcella: Men's club is doing a fundraiser. With James gone it's taken three of them to fill his shoes. He worked with his wine distributor to provide a really nice package of wines. 150 tickets at \$150 each. A blurb will be provided for the school newsletter and parish bulletin.
- F. Sister Antonella: without the fall fundraiser we're going to have to rely on the generosity of families. Cannot use one particular vendor because the school cannot support a vendor.
- G. Mrs. Mayfield asks about a virtual walkathon. it is a possibility.
- H. No December meeting.

