

**St. Catherine of Siena Board of Catholic Education**  
**Minutes for Meeting of October 2 , 2018**

Opening Prayer:

Roll Call: Present:, Julie Scherer, Theresa Broering, Martie Wolking (transition as past president), Carol Smith, Nancy Browning (new president), Judy Newberry, Jen Kirst, Gwen Fields, Raymond Schlosser, Ashley Cox , Absent: Excused: Father Stef

Boosters/Sports Dan Walsh, President of boosters, presented concerns about the number of students who can fill out rosters on teams. The question was whether or not to expand the boosters to be a parish wide organization instead of strictly a school organization. Soccer is Campbell County league rather than a school league so members of that team are not restricted to the parishes. Other sports have leagues organized by school. The discussion involved splitting teams that are too large or having to combine small grades to get a large enough team. Teams that end up with many players end up having to share playing time etc. Other schools besides St. Catherine's are facing the same problems. Some questions on which the boosters are seeking advice include: Can we reach out across parish boundaries which we have had done in the past? Should we have students in CCD program who are cut from Highlands or other public school play for us and take playing time from St. Catherine students? Should we allow home schooled students on the team? There has been talk about perhaps creating a middle school league that pools from all the students from feeder schools of NCC. The boosters also need more parent support. Without that there will probably be a need for some athletic fee. Last year the tournament lost money.

Board members consensus: Our recommendation is that we are in support of the boosters. The board felt that this would be looked at on a situational basis, the home schooled children would be allowed play if there is space on the team. There would also be some small fee to be determined for home schooled students. There was not support for allowing students in our CCD program cut from a public school team to play on a St. Catherine team.

Pastor's Report: Father Stef had a mass.

Chairperson's Report

Website has had some revisions and updates.

Nancy passed out an outline of her plan for this committee and also passed out proposed rolls for the other standing committee.

Accreditation Report:

Recommendation and Deficiencies:

There were not deficiencies listed but looking at recommendations.

Portable air conditions and a room for teachers to gather, collaborate, and work space.

There was also recommendation for adding a language for the curriculum. There should

be a cycle adopted for replenish technology, textbooks, and curriculum support materials. They also recommended updating a marketing plan and we are looking at updating the plan. Test scores from last year have been published. Board members are encouraged to familiarize ourselves with those scores on the parents tab on the web site. Especially it was interesting to look at variations on different grade levels.

#### Principal's Report

Technology update: Issues surrounding the filter have been resolved. We obtained a cart for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Chrome books. We are still looking to see if there are old carts available. October 12<sup>th</sup> will be a professional development day where active shooter/threat training will be presented. We can use Title 4 funds to help with the cost. Last week there was an inclusive education meeting for teachers. There was some clarification of ALPs (Alternative Learning Plan) this would bring them in line with the ILP or 504 plans for students with a diagnosed learning issue. We are continuing to do reading testing and looking at evaluating students as needed.

#### Religious Education Report

We are now at 93 students and 61 families. Theresa will reach out to Sr. Stef to see about the education for home school children, especially for sacramental training.

#### Standing Committees

##### Policy Review Committee

We need to make sure that all the binders for the board are up to date.

We will review the policy number 17 for School and Parent Communications and

We will look at fund raising and hot weather days

##### PTO report

The SLIDO website to submit questions to be addressed at PTO.

They would have \$5 dues. The Larosa's fund raising event went well and raised \$360.

There is another event at Buckhead's. They looked at the Halloween fest discussion to continue.

Goals: Help St. Catherine School and Parish to (Get report from

PTO page on the website did not match on the Parent tab, so that should be updated to match.

##### Finance Committee: Report

Budgets for the month discussed and what to do with the addition fund raising. There is not enough to make an addition any longer.

Julie said that just based on enrollment we can't necessarily defend an addition, but based on how the space in the school is configured and being used, there are definite limitations on the spaces. There is no conference room for larger meeting spaces. The library gets repurposed to for humanities etc.

Agenda item for next meeting: Board would like to discuss the further utilization to maximize the efficiency of the building's spaces.

Adjournment:

Closing Prayer: