**St. Catherine of Siena Board of Catholic Education**

***Minutes for Meeting of 5/7/2024***

**Opening Prayer**: Board Members prayer

*Roll Call*:

* Present: Father Stef, Juliane Brown, Colleen Copenhaver, Molly Geiger, Mike Jacks, Mike Ruwe, Michael Schuh
* Absent: Jenny Collopy, Sarah Dinkelacker, Becky Schill

**Evaluation/Planning Committee Report**

*Becky Schill, Mike Ruwe*

* No new info

**Public Relations/Marketing Committee Report**

*Jenny Collopy, Colleen Copenhaver, Molly Geiger*

* Molly reported that she will brainstorm about how to best engage preschools/daycares and distribute flyers

**Policy Review Committee Report**

*Sarah Dinkelacker/Juliane Brown/Michael Schuh*

* No new info

**Principal’s Report**

*Mike Jacks*

* Fall 2024 enrollment: 110 students
* Scheduled tours: 5/8/24 and one next week
	+ Colleen asked about the four families who had gone on a recent tour
		- Mike J. gave a follow-up phone call to all four families. Three families

Responded, each with a concern about finances.

* + - Mike J. sends a hand-written note after each tour and phones families

a week later.

* John David asked if tours were the most effective outreach?
	+ Mike J. = yes
* Mike J. met with realtor, Jeff Hartman
	+ Jeff said that most people choose a school before they move into a house
	+ Jeff will think further about how he might help spread the word about St. C
* Mike J. commented on importance of the webpage to advertise St. C
	+ We don’t regularly embed info on the St. C webpage
	+ Katie Desmond (volunteer) helps with St. C webpage
	+ Most parishes have an employee that develops and maintains the webpages
		- St. C does not currently have the budget for such an employee
* School staff for next academic year
	+ Only staff member not returning= Mrs. Hamilton retired as Kindergarten Assistant
	+ Mike R. asked about the substitute teacher roster.
		- Mike J. = roster is good
* Mike J. had a conversation with Catholic Charities: asking if it’s possible for Catholic

Charities to offer a part-time counselor for smaller schools like St. C

* Campbell County North Teaching Group:
	+ Meets twice a month
	+ Has been well-received – all teachers want to continue it next year
	+ Teachers want to know if the larger group can meet more than once a year
* What I Need (WIN) time: wrapping up its first year
	+ The students who need more one-on-one time are getting it
	+ Example of an exceptional WIN program - Student book club – students created

their own questions.

* Book Fair – explore a different venue?
	+ Scholastic is the current (and largest)
	+ Maybe Ignatius Press
	+ Maybe Blue Marble

**Religious Education Report**

*John David Kimes*

* Loretto
	+ Wrapping up the first year
	+ A majority of the year, students were separate from parents
		- May do more mixed sessions next year
	+ Loretto great opportunity for community to come together
* Sacraments
	+ First Communion, Confirmation, and May Crowning all went well
* Altar Guild – finishing up training for the year
* Kenosis
	+ Held on weekday after school = much better attendance than Sunday nights
* Totus Tuus (Totally Yours)
	+ A “fun-filled week to learn about the creed and the call to holiness while growing in your relationship to the Lord.”
	+ In partnership with St. Thomas
	+ Will be offered one week: 6/23 to 6/28
	+ Grades 1 to 6 = Monday through Friday 9:00am to 2:30pm
	+ Grades 7 to 12 = Sunday through Thursday 7:00pm to 9:00pm

**Pastor’s Report**

*Father Stef*

* NCC Baccalaureate mass on 5/14/24 at St. Therese
* Diocese Catechetical Leadership Awards Ceremony on 5/16/24
	+ Jeanne Hicks – receiving a Homeschooling Award
* We wish Becky a speedy recovery
* Summer learning for students = K through 5 Summer Program
	+ Will be small groups
	+ Skill specific
	+ Mike J. = invite students who need it the most
	+ Different from individual tutoring being offered
	+ Colleen asked: “how will it be funded?”
		- Fr. Steph = not sure yet. Hopefully the parish will be able to contribute. Otherwise parents will assume the costs.
* This is the last meeting for Juliane, Becky, and Sarah. We thank them for their service.

**PTO**

* Ft. Thomas Greenhouse flower with some proceeds coming to St. C = 5/18 & 5/19
* Mother Daughter painting event went well
* Teacher Appreciation week is upcoming – sign ups and preparations are underway

**Adjournment**

* Next meeting: tentatively planned for August 6th.  The new BOCE president will communicate with the group about the necessity of an August meeting.

***Closing Prayer*:**

* Michael Schuh