**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