



St. Isidore School Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Board Members in Attendance: Marie Whitis, Pat Kratus, Poala McNamara, Michelle Anderson, Denise Reid, Tancred Agius, Mahsa Tippins, Vic de Melo

Ex Officio: Pastor: Father Moran, Principal: Carol Bender, Vice-Principal: Dennis Keane

Absent: Joe McLean, Brian Rivera

- Called to Order - Marie Whitis
- Roll Call - Michelle Anderson
- Opening Prayer - Father Moran
- Pastor's Report: Father Moran
 - New Pastoral Council members were elected: Michelle Devine and Caroline Kennedy
 - Two Confirmation celebrations were finally able to happen at St. Isidore in the field. Everyone was socially distanced and family and friends were able to watch virtually.
 - First Communion celebrations were postponed due to the poor air quality.
 - Drive-through Communion is going well. We have had great attendance and will continue.
 - Outdoor Mass is also going well. We have 50 squares/spots for parishioners and a reservation/sign-up has to be made. The scheduled Saturday/Sunday Masses have been full.
 - Flocknote has been the way of communication from the church and emails are sent weekly.
 - Due to the Corona Virus, thankfully the church has not had to let any of the parish staff go. No one has been laid off.
 - New roof is now completed on the rectory.
 - In regard to the Weekly Mass Offering, our Easter Offering was up \$17,000 from last year.
- Principal's Report: Carol Bender
 - Welcome back to all Board members

- Our current enrollment is 591 students. Our school had budgeted for 618 students. Our enrollment for the Fall, in June, was 663 students. We then lost 85 students (many moved, some are homeschooling) but gained students after some of the other private schools like Palmer closed.
- WCEA Accreditation. The Western Catholic Education Association is a private educational accrediting agency for Catholic Schools. It consists of a 100-page self-study document. This year St. Isidore WASC Accrediting Commission for Schools has extended the accreditation status by pushing it back to June 2021-2022
- School Waiver to apply for our students to attend school in person will be submitted on September 30th. Mrs. Bender and Mr. Keane discussed with the Board the criteria of what it would take for students to go back including discussion of facility, academics, student count, medical testing, teacher, and staff needs. One large factor is the large costs that would be associated with having students and staff back on campus. This week a survey will go out to families to ask what school model the families would prefer (# of days on campus).
- PTG Report: Michelle Anderson
 - Discussed canceled events due to the present COVID restrictions
 - Present fundraising options for this school year consist of Annual Fund (Mind the Gap), Online Auction, Online Sip & Shop event, Amazon Smile
 - SIS Golf Tournament will be moved to Spring
 - October will be Annual Fund push month to encourage school families and friends to donate the SIS at this time.
- School Board Report: Marie Whitis
 - Discussed New Board appointed members. There are two School Board positions open. Per Mrs. Bender and Father Moran, the two Board positions will be posted to the school community families and interviews will take place.
 - Action Items for Board will be discussed further at next month's meeting.

Closing Prayer: Father Moran