



St. Isidore School Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Tuesday, November 10th, 2020

Board Members in Attendance: Marie Whitis, Paola McNamara, Denise Reid, Michelle Anderson, Tancried Agius, Brian Rivera, Mahsa Tippins, Vic de Melo

Parent Teacher Group Attendance: Denise O' Riordon Salyapongse, Meredith Norrett

Parent Participants: Catherine & Andrew Selway, Michelle Czarnik, Sheila Babby, Melissa & Justis Durkee, Liz Claytor, Kari Simons, Clarine Hardesty, Shelley Velasco

Ex Officio: Principle Carol Bender, Vice-Principal: Dennis Keane

Absent: Father Moran, Pat Kratus, Joe McLean

- Called to Order - Marie Whitis
- Roll Call - Michelle Anderson
- Opening Prayer - Marie Whitis
- **Principal's Report:** Carol Bender
Last month's board meeting was cancelled to focus on getting school ready to open.
TK building Improvements:
 - It will be repainted
 - Removal of swing set and dome due to safety concerns and code
 - Exterior fence near creek to be possibly used as an access point
 - Kindergarten improvements will be next focusWaiver: School continues to be in contact with the County about the waiver. Two areas regarding waiver needed to be changed. The temperature reading for

students and the COVID matrix. School will continue to provide updates regarding waiver. At this time the waiver has not been approved.

Attending Waitlist: School will look at enrolling siblings come January.

Self-Reporting regarding COVID: The school will be sending a card home so parents can do daily check-ins of their children in terms of health. Faculty and staff emphasize the importance of Holiday travel and returning to school after breaks. Procedures and guidelines will be set in place to help manage the safety of all.

Students: Currently, 101 students are on the distance-learning platform.

Prospective Board Members: For the Board positions currently open, applicants and letters will be reviewed by the Board and candidates will be interviewed next month. As of now, we have eight individuals who were recommended or have submitted letters of interests.

Technology Update: Fiber was installed externally replacing our modem on 11/9 which should help with the performance for the distance learning platform and speed. Internal fiber is scheduled to be installed on 11/24.

New Teachers: We have hired two new teachers. One will replace Mrs. Sullivan in Kindergarten when she goes on maternity leave. The second will join the Junior High Team to help the Math Department in Mrs. Koskovich's absence.

- **PTG Report:** Denise O' Riordon Salyapongse
 - Push for our annual fund is complete for the month of October with a good turnout.
 - Planning to have another push month come spring.
 - SIS will have an online Sip n Shop event in November.
 - Our Annual Auction event will be online this Spring.
 - Golf Classic is on the books for May at Blackhawk Country Club.
 - The Fun Run is also tentatively set for April.
- **School Community Members Present:**
 - Communication is the core issue presented by families. Families are wanting more communication from the school.
 - School needs to be extra cognizant of communication during these unprecedented

times.

-Parents are concerned about the safety of the children, teachers and staff regarding COVID.

-There is a need for more scheduled updates regarding COVID procedures and practices to put families at ease. Updates regarding COVID need to be readily accessible.

Closing Prayer: Marie Whitis