

## **St. Pius X Board of Total Catholic Education**

### **Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2017**

**BOTCE voting members present:** Emily Hanna, Lauren Dressman, Sara Franxman, Christian Keneipp, Rachel Noll, Brian Zekl, Lori Tenhunfeld.

**BOTCE non-voting members present:** Fr. Baiju, Jill Lonnemann, Chris Newman.

The meeting was called to order by Rachel Noll. Last meeting's minutes were reviewed and accepted.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- 1) Public Relations – nothing new to report.
- 2) Religious Education – Rachel Noll shared some ideas with the Board regarding Confirmation sponsors that she learned from being a sponsor at an out of town parish. The ideas centered around things that the candidates and sponsors can do together.
- 3) Safety - no report
- 4) Strategic Planning – Jill Lonnemann continues to be in contact with Charlie Bradley concerning the Strategic Planning meeting that took place over the summer.
- 5) Technology – interviews for the new IT position are being held currently.

#### **Principal's Report:**

- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class received several high school scholarships based on the High School Placement Test.
- School enrollment is now open to the Parishioners.
- The school will now screen all incoming Kindergarten students in developmental areas. Administration would like to keep 4 Kindergarten classes. The school continues to have long waiting lists particularly for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grades. Other grades are at near capacity.
- Discussion continued regarding increasing the capacity of each grade level. Policy 404 was revised to increase the number to 90 students per grade level. Jill Lonnemann and Fr. Baiju shared plans to increase assistants in the classroom to help with larger class sizes and to have 4 classes in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grades to keep class sizes small in the young grades.
- The new technology curriculum and method of instruction is currently being developed with the new IT position handling all of the IT needs including managing Ascend, FACTS, both websites, training teachers, Google administration.
- The school is also going to be hiring an academic support position.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1) Policy 404- First reading of revision. Proposed revision:  
Policy 404 Number of Students Per Grade Level No additional students will be admitted to any grade level until the number of students in that grade level drops below 90.

**New Business:** Florence Wormald/Rita Ward Scholarship-applications are on the website. Lauren Dressman will advertise in Paw Prints and the Parish Bulletin

The meeting was ended by Rachel Noll with a prayer. The next meeting will be held March 15, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Dressman, BOTCE secretary