

JANUARY 9, 2020
BOTCE MEETING
MINUTES

I. BOTCE Voting Members in Attendance: Kathy Carnes, Katie Pilgrim, Luke Safarczyk, Brian Hicks, Megan Sandfoss, Sandy Grilly-Young, Michelle Hickey

BOTCE members not in Attendance: Kerry Knollman, Laura Eibel

BOTCE Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Jill Lonnemann and Betsy Greenwell

Community Attendance: Mandy and Steve Lipps

II. Opening Prayer: Led by Brian Hicks.

III. Review/Approval of Last meeting's minutes: October 10, 2019 minutes were approved via email.

IV. Chairman's Report: Brian read the mission statement to the Board.

V. Principal's Report: Jill Lonnemann

- Terrace Metrics evaluation was again given for grades 5-8 in November. The data generated from the testing will be following the students to high school as many schools are using the same type of testing. The results generally showed our kids felt safe at school and that the teachers care about them. It also showed that many of the kids have high anxiety or depression. The administration is hoping to help the kids learn ways not to feel alone or isolated. Ms. Clark had created a small group helping kids with anxiety. They are thinking of giving it again and in the future once per year. Jill and Betsy plan to do an exercise with the teachers to identify possible students that feel isolated in the school and get a pulse on all of the children.
- Fifth grade DARE graduation was held on November 22 and went great!
- Parent/Teacher conferences were held on November 26 and they went well. Biggest complaint that the school had was that Jr. High conferences for 10 minutes weren't long enough. Looking to maybe change the set-up in the future.
- November 16, 17, and 19-The Council of Child Abuse (COCA) came to the school.
- Map Testing is currently going on in the school. Scores are looking good right now.
- Spelling Bee will be next Wednesday, January 15 in the PMRs.
- Scholarships: St. Pius had a great result with scholarships winners to the various local high schools:
 - CCH: David Hagen, Timmy Eliassen, Tyler Laws, John Roebker, Parker McKinley, Bradley Zekl, Jacob Hayduk
 - NDA: Kimmie Woeste, Bella Kampinga, Madison Jacobs, Ryan Baker, Gabrielle White, Mia Kent, Isabelle Fettig

- VMA: Charlotte Litmer

VI. Asst. Principal's Report: Betsy Greenwell:

- Catholic School's Week is coming up and it should be a great week. Every classroom has a patron saint. Each grade level will do a service project for the homeless. All the classroom doors were blessed by Fr. Kunuth recently.

VII. Committee Reports:

a. Public Relations/Culture: Katie Pilgrim reported that their committee is in progress and will report something soon. Betsy is working on bringing a speaker (Jennifer Zumbiel) to the school in March at some point and wants to meet with the Committee regarding this. (Committee members: Kerry, Katie, and Laura)

b. Religious Education: Janet Lees was not in attendance but provided a report that was given by Betsy. Since the last BOTCE meeting, St. Pius hosted SEEK and Youth 2000 for the Confirmation candidates. It is Janet's hope to meet with each candidate next week and check in with them regarding their desires and understanding of what they are undertaking and to make sure they get their forms turned in. Confirmation will be held on January 30.

Second graders had their first reconciliation on November 14 and it was beautiful. She is going to be preparing for Jesus day retreats in March. Janet has met with the second graders for adoration to help them understand it a little better and it is her hope to do this with each grade. Janet commented that it has been good to see the PSR students working with the theme of the school as well. (Committee members: Janet, Jill, and Betsy)

c. Safety: Michelle reported that she had spent a good deal of time reviewing Kenton County's safety plan and it shows that St. Pius is very knowledgeable of what is needed and has an extremely adequate plan in place. There was some discussion about drop-off and pick-up procedures are part of the safety concerns at the school.

Luke reported that he also researched safety officers and it would cost the school about \$30,000 to employ a full-time school resource office. It is believed that the total cost is \$60,000 but the City of Edgewood would split the costs. Do we have \$30,000 to support this? We need to continue to discuss this issue and how it could be feasible, how we approach parents etc. It was also mentioned that the school needs a nurse on staff as well, even if for a part of the day, as part of its safety plan. (Committee members: Michelle, Luke, Kathy)

d. Technology: Brian reported that there is a private donor that has offered to give clever touch screens for each classroom but in return they want to have their donation matched. He will give us \$25,000 this year and next year. There are plans to have the donations matched through Pumpkin Run and Enchanted Evening.

It was reported that St. Pius is a finalist for an international award for the middle school bracket at the Future of Education Technology Conference (FETC) being held next week in Miami,

Florida. St. Pius is the only Catholic school out of the 9 schools remaining in the award selection. Betsy, Jill, Brian Hicks, Stem coordinator Maria Ollier, and teacher Erin Walerius are attending. Brian is going on behalf of the Board, STEM coach, and parent. (Committee members: Brian)

f. Policies: There weren't a lot of policies that need to be updated but the following were discussed after having been reviewed by Meghan and Sandy:

Policy # 203 is still good

Policy #402: remove the word nominal. Separate the policy into part A and B to add a registration fee and a technology fee. It needs to be stated in the policy that parents cannot buy their own computer. Meghan and Sandy will draft the technology fee language and send it to Betsy and Jill for review.

Policy #404.5: The dates/years need to be changed and/or removed.

Policy #405.5-406: No changes, leave technology fee language here too so it remains broad but all of these are going to be sent to Jen so she can review and make necessary changes.

Policy #410: Delete

Policy #411: Bullying Policy should include more language on cyber-bullying.

Policy #500 & 504, 506: Run by Janet

Policy #504: Policy Ok.

(Committee members: Meghan/Sandy)

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business: Sandy is going explore opportunities for St. Elizabeth providing a nurse or a grant assisting with care.

IX. Executive Session: No Executive Session needed.

Brian Hicks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Megan Sandfoss. All in favor.

X. Closing Prayer: Led by Brian Hicks.