

September 12, 2019
BOTCE MEETING
MINUTES

- I. **BOTCE Voting Members in Attendance:** Michelle Hickey, Kathy Carnes, Katie Pilgrim, Luke Safarczyk, Brian Hicks, Megan Sandfoss, Sandy Grilly-Young
- BOTCE members not in Attendance:** Emily Hanna, Laura Eibel, & Kerry Knollman
- BOTCE Non-Voting Members in Attendance:** Jill Lonnemann and Janet Lees
- II. **Opening Prayer:** Our Father led by Brian Hicks.
- III. **Review/Approval of Last meeting's minutes:** We will be doing a virtual approval of the minutes from the last meeting via email soon.
- IV. **Chairman's Report:** Brian read the mission statement to the Board and asked them to review it regularly. He is hoping we can update the policies as well over the year and encouraged us to review the website where they are located. Brian also went over that we were going to review the committee structure and update based upon our needs.
- V. **Principal's Report:**
- a. **Happenings:**
- The year kicked off with the Mass of the Feast Day of St. Pius and the students received a treat of shaved ice for recess from PTG.
 - Our 8th graders visited CCH and NDA on September 3
 - We had two parent orientations and 8th grade parent confirmation orientation.
 - Picture day was today
 - Maps testing is on-going and there will be two more times throughout the year that it will occur.
- b. **Religious Education:**
- The school theme this year is "Bloom Where you are Planted, Rooted in Christ." Last year's focus was on self and why we are created, and this year the focus is on mission and making a difference in their world and community. The fruits of using these themes are really paying off and the school is not seeing many of the behavior issues like they used to and parents really are buying into our faith more. We want the kids to start looking at their purpose in life. We are also using Theology of the Body and it has really transformed our older grades. Our community is growing because of this.
 - Jill, Betsy and Janet are trying to work closer together this year on school issues and church issues including PSR and building a theme across all areas of the community.
 - The school is hosting encouraging a common read book for the all parents entitled "The Gift of Failure" by Jessica Lahey.

c. Safety:

- Jill reported that the first layer to safety was an evaluation done by Chris Schutte. The cameras, the locks being changed, the key fobs etc. are all part of the process. Doors are also monitored better and on a timer to open and close. \$180,000 DPPA money went toward that. The next stage is more policy implementation and training and drills.
- There will be a professional development for St. Pius on October 11 to go through more training with Chris Schutte. Jill has attended many professional developments over the summer regarding safety initiatives.
- There is a safety committee in place that is meeting monthly at school: Fr. Baiju, Betsy Greenwell, Jill Lonneman, Jennifer Casson, Nikki Clark, Lee Maxwell, Kris Skeens, and Diane Molique, Ashley Staviski, Missy Schmidt, Maria Ollier, Cathy Walters and Kathy Brunot.
- There are a lot of logistics to work out for emergency situations including maps, first aid bags, locks, communication devices, and other technology. The need for a SRO (School Resource Officer) was discussed and it was questioned if we should look more into having one at St. Pius.

d. Strategic Plan:

- Jill reported that our incoming kindergarten is at 80 which is what we expected. The school is at 712 students total.
- Of great concern is how our special education needs are booming and our student/teacher ratio is not ideal. St. Pius has hired a part-time assistant to help Ms. Bessler and have adopted a screening for incoming 6, 7, & 8 graders and cannot accept those who have an IEP/AEP. We need to create and implement more policies for this area.

e. Technology:

- The school is hosting “The Wired Family” for teachers on Tuesday September 17 and parents Tuesday night. Betsy really would like to see everyone there! The school did kick off the social media campaign and Maria Ollier is leading that initiative. Students will hear about it on September 18.

VI. Committee Reports: No Committee Reports

- a. Public Relations:**
- b. Religious Education:**
- c. Safety:**
- d. Strategic Planning/Growth:**
- e. Technology:**

VII. Old Business: None.

VIII. New Business:

- It was discussed that maybe BOTCE sponsor a book club type group to discuss The Gift of Failure book that Betsy mentioned at Open House .
- Parish/School Activities and BOTCE: It was discussed that we need to have better feedback loops so we don't have parents vent their concerns on social media or other places. BOTCE should try to support this in some way. How can we branch and create a diverse and inclusive community to better understand BOTCE and have BOTCE play a role in this. How can we better market ourselves?
- Brian would like BOTCE to do a volunteer event together to build comradery and we can discuss this at the next meeting.
- Our November 14th meeting has been changed to November 7th due to Reconciliation that night.

IX. Executive Session: No Executive Session needed.

Megan Sandfoss made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Michelle Hickey. All in favor.

X. Closing Prayer: Intention made for a second grade student and closing prayer lead by Brian Hicks.