

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

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

**BOTCE voting members present:** Emily Hanna, Lauren Dressman, Christian Keneipp, Rachel Noll, Brian Zekl, Nancy Goeke.

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

Guests present: Colleen Witkowski, Heather Isler, Stephanie Hagedorn, Laura Eibel, Annie Pollock, Meghan Sandfoss.

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

**Guest speakers:** guests asked to attend the meeting and to address the Board regarding concerns on the possible increase in class size due to consideration to increase grade level size. They expressed several concerns with larger class sizes. Rachel Noll spoke on the function of the Board. Father Baiju and Principal Lonnemann explained the rationale for the increase (current and active Parishioners not getting into the school for certain grade levels) and their plans to handle the increase. Plans include class structure changes, increasing the number of classes in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 4 and keeping Kindergarten at 4 classes, increasing the number of instructional assistants in the incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to an IA in each class as it is a large grade. They also shared that the school is adding a Special Education/Academic Support teacher full time and also the new IT position will give Assistant Principal Greenwell more time for support as well.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- 1) Public Relations – no report.
- 2) Religious Education – no report.
- 3) Safety - Chris Schutte conducted a Safety walk through of the grounds and issued a Safety Report to Principal Lonnemann. There were eight recommendations from the report that will be addressed.
- 4) Strategic Planning – no report.
- 5) Technology – the IT position has been filled with a start date of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Principal's Report:** nothing additional.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1) Policy 404- planned vote was tabled. Will be conducted via email before next meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- 1) New policy for Kindergarten entrance- the Diocese shared a Diocesan wide policy to address the changing Kindergarten cut off date for entrance. All schools are to adopt this Diocesan policy. The Board voted to add this to the current Policy 404.5 Acceptance and Grade Level Waiting List.

The meeting was ended by Rachel Noll with a prayer. The next meeting will be held April 12, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Dressman, BOTCE secretary

\*\*addendum-

1. next meeting date was changed to April 10, 2017
2. vote was held via email for revisions to Policy 404-vote passed with 6 votes for: 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.