

BOTCE MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2021

I. Attendance

- BOTCE Voting Members in Attendance:

Mike Bramlage	Kerry Knollman
Emily Ireland-Currens	Patrick McDermott
Sandy Grilly	Katie Pilgrim
Michelle Hickey	Luke Safarczyk
Brian Hicks	
- BOTCE members not in Attendance: N/A
- BOTCE Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Jill Lonnemann, Father Baiju Kidaagen, Betsy Greenwell, Jen Casson, Joanna Tallarigo
- General Attendance: N/A

II. Opening Prayer

- Led by Brian Hicks.

III. Review/Approval of Last meeting's minutes: Minutes were reviewed and approved.

IV. Chairman's Report:

- Brian Hicks talked individually with members of BOTCE to get feedback and suggestions for improvement. Some items mentioned include: how to publicize BOTCE, communication process, community outreach, engagement of parishioners, morale boosters for teachers, virtual tours of school, and parent involvement.

V. Principal's Report:

Jill Lonnemann reported that:

- Parent teacher conferences went well.
- Parents reported that they liked the modified schedule during virtual learning.
- All chrome books and chargers have been returned by students.
- Confirmation was held over 2 nights for 8th grade students at the cathedral.
- Each January, there is a Right to Life prayer service. There is a mass on 1/28/21 that will be live streamed for all to watch.
- Catholic Schools Week is next week. The school has 2 activities scheduled each day for students/staff members.
- The perspective family open house is scheduled for 1/29/21.
- COVID task force will be meeting Monday, 2/1/21. There was a discussion around COVID.
- There are 15 scholarships given to 8th grade students for high school. This is the most given to St. Pius 8th grader students to date.
- The academic team placed top winner in every category.

- Emails will be sent weekly with Paw Prints reminder or attachment.

VI. Asst. Principal's Report:

- Betsy Greenwell reported that staff members are teaching Theology of the Body curriculum to the different grade levels. The purpose of the curriculum is to promote formation as individuals.

VII. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Relations/Culture – Mike Bramlage and Patrick McDermott volunteered to be on this committee; no updates.
- b. Religious Education
 - Joanna Tallarigo reported that the PSR is meeting in person. There are 45 students participating this year. There will be 3 First Communions in May. Jesus Day retreats will take place in the spring. Donna Thompson has put together prayer services for big events so kids/parents/others can watch from home and participate virtually.
- c. Technology – Brian Hicks will continue to be on this committee; no updates
- d. Policies – Sandy Grilly will continue to be on this committee; no updates
- e. Finance – Jen Casson reported that we have 45 new students registered for next school year. Open registration for all families will open Monday, 2/1/21. The parish debt will be paid off by June, 2021. A new maintenance helper has been hired to help around the building.

VII. Old Business:

- The process of getting the grant for a full time nurse is a slow one. Sandy is following up on it.
- There was a follow up on active versus inactive parishioners. Brian Hicks asked if there is credit for people who are active on parish committees. It was discussed, but active parishioners are those who attend church regularly. Students have been asked if they are attending Sunday Mass and the percentage in attendance is down.

VIII. New Business:

- Emily Ireland-Currens suggested a new group, called Grand Helpers. This group would consist of grandparents who are wanting to help the school and parish. Some things suggested include making copies, helping in the library, donating disinfectant items, being a substitute, adoration, speakers, read with the kids, etc.
- Father reported that we are getting 2 new statues for the church. A family from the parish donated the statues.
- The committee discussed the timeline for the Florence Wormald/Rita Ward Application.

IX. Executive Session:

- No Executive Session needed.

Katie Pilgrim made a motion to adjourn. Luke Safarczyk seconded the motion. All in favor.

X. Closing Prayer:

- Led by Father Baiju.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2021.