

August 8, 2017

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Mrs. Julie Foshage	Mrs. Jen Sievers	Mrs. Maria Kramer
Mrs. Sue Cunningham	Mrs. Lisa Crissman	Mrs. Barb Yoffie
Mrs. Kate Eisel	Mr. Tom Eskridge	Mrs. Erin Stack
Msgr. Butler	Mr. Giuseppe Giardina	

**Visitors:**

Lexie Morrison

**Call to Order:** Julie Foshage

**Opening Prayer:** Barb Yoffie and Sue Cunningham led the group in Prayer in the Spirit and Inspiration of St. Dominic de Guzman.

**Approval of Minutes:** The May Minutes were approved as written.

**Parish Report – Msgr. Butler:**

- Msgr. Butler reported that parish has already celebrated 32 Baptismal Sacraments year to date. This is representative our school’s potential incoming JK class in 5 years.
- Led discussion on the importance of celebrating Baptismal Dates like we celebrate birthdates.

**School Report – Sue Cunningham:**

- Sue distributed the revised School Handbook for Parents and Students. Highlighting the newly added “Policies at a Glance” section. It was recommended that school lunch period times be added to the section. Board approved. The Handbook is accessible online now.
- Sue read aloud our Mission Statement “St. Clement of Rome School will successfully meet the spiritual, academic, social and emotional needs of each individual student in our care.” The Board determined at the previous meeting (May) that each subsequent meeting would focus on each individual need of our students (spiritual, academic, social and emotion). The agenda for August meeting focused on the Academic Aspect. Sue provided a list of items supporting the academic portion of our Mission Statement for our discussion and to enhance our knowledge of the school’s activities. The November meeting will focus on meeting the social/emotional needs of each child.

- Lisa Crissman proposed the addition of a parent volunteer reading program for grades K-2. This would consist of each child reading individually to a parent volunteer in the hallway setting. Sue will propose to the teachers at the upcoming faculty meeting.
- Sue presented the Board with plans for the upcoming Great American Solar Eclipse. This included attendance options, safety measures, and a permission slip. Giuseppe Giardina (attorney) will review the language and consult with Sue
- Julie Foshage brought up fidget spinners and smart watches to determine if/what policy the school should have on these items. Regarding fidget spinners, it was determined that they will be treated as “fad” items as described in the school manual which allows the principal to use her discretion in making decisions on having them/using them at school. If someone makes a medical-based need for a fidget spinner, Sue will take this into consideration when making her decision about this particular child. Regarding smart watches, due to the wide range of abilities of smart watches (step counter, cell phone, internet access) there is no one policy to cover all smart watches. Therefore, they can be considered a fad, a cell phone, or even a lap top. It was decided that there will not currently be an additional policy and that the fads/cell phone policy in existence is sufficient.

### **Religious Education Report – Barb Yoffie:**

- Alive in Christ. Anchored in Service will continue to be motto for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Service projects are continuing this year. Monthly canned good drive will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will take an active role in promoting the canned good drive.
- All school mass next Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Feast of Assumption of Mary.
- Welcome Back all school mass will be on September 1.
- Vocation Chalice mass will continue every Monday.
- Faculty opted to continue with the Feast Day mass schedule for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Entire faculty attended a retreat for Catholic Educators on August 7 at Mercy Center.
- Intention to focus on the reflection process and teaching children how to practice meaningful reflection.

### **Home & School Report – Kate Eisel**

- Packet pick up/pizza party was a success and received positive feedback from families.
- Currently planning for first teachers lunch on September 1.

### **Adjournment – Julie Foshage**

The next school board meeting will be Tuesday, November 7th, 2017 at 7:00pm in the library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Stack

Secretary