



Queen of All Saints School Board Meeting Minutes 9.20.21

Members in Attendance:

Bethany Beumer	Jen Shaughnessy	Fr. Detwiler
Ann Bender	Becky Haberberger	Fr. Fr. Hambrough
Gabe Kiley	Chris Volansky	
Bob Schillinger	Amy Bush	
Nicole Farris	Mike Seppi	

Guests:

Amanda Volansky	Jeff Carter
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- I. Prayer
- II. Minutes from the 8.23.21 meeting were approved.
- III. Agenda
 - Covid Update
 - Individual letters will go out when the number of positive cases remains low.
 - The dashboard count will continue to be shared in the Friday weekly email.
 - Arrangements will be made for any student that misses Iowa testing due to quarantine.
 - Mrs. Beumer and Becky Haberberger met to discuss the possible need for additional educators to support students on virtual learning (QAS will fund this as the CARES money has been exhausted).
 - Per the St. Louis County Health Department, students who are exposed to Covid, but are vaccinated will not have to quarantine unless showing symptoms.
 - Per the St. Louis County Health Department, students who are exposed to Covid and have had Covid within 90 days do not need to quarantine unless they are showing symptoms. (Must have documentation of positive Covid test from a doctor's office).
 - QAS will only go 100% virtual if mandated by the Archdiocese or St. Louis County.
 - Modified quarantine does not apply to Pre-K 3 or Pre-K 4 students and teachers.
 - VBRD
 - Demo conducted; parent communication still in work
 - EANS
 - All documentation has been submitted; 3 reimbursement checks have been received
 - Summer Bridge Program approved
 - Instructional Coach approved and will be coming to QAS in January to support teacher education on the curriculum
 - VBRD tools awaiting approval
 - School Counselor search
 - QAS is still on the list awaiting a counselor from STL Counseling. QAS has created their own job description and posted the opening for broader awareness (position is part-time, M-F, 4-5 hours each day)



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- Confirmation
 - Current prep program for 8th grades is to attend the optional Edge prep program through the Fall, but then prep classes are mandatory come January of the school year. Prep classes are on Wednesday evenings and include all QAS 8th graders, PSR 8th graders and any private prep school 8th graders (i.e., Chaminade, Visitation).
 - Parent dissatisfaction with the mandated prep classes has become a trend over the past 3 years. Students often have extracurricular conflicts and parents have voiced that they feel the prep classes should take place during regular school hours.
 - Fr. Hambrough stressed the importance of conducting the prep classes with all the students preparing for the sacrament to foster a sense of community formation amongst the PSR students, QAS students, prep school students since they all receive the public witness sacrament together.
 - Fr. Hambrough will consider a revision to the mandated prep classes- possibly teach during the school day or moving to Sunday evenings which could be less conflicting with extracurricular/sports schedules.
- IV. Principal's Update
 - Nothing further
- V. Pastor's Update
 - Fr. Hambrough advised that the Archdiocese is embarking on a multi-year study to determine what the future of the archdiocese will look like. The current and anticipated number of active priests cannot support the number of parishes within the Archdiocese.
 - A consulting firm has been hired to conduct the study; first survey has already been sent out to parish priests
 - Priests will not be transferred amongst parishes for the next few years
 - Parishes cannot spend <\$25K on any project unless its determined emergent
 - Fr. Hambrough will attend the first scheduled meeting to discuss in October
- VI. Home & School Update
 - Amazon Wish lists will be going out to parents very soon
 - TJ's pizza fundraiser will begin 10/1
 - Donut Sunday on 10/7 will also promote Casino Night
 - Casino Night prep- outdoor event, two-sided tent with heaters, gaming company will set up outdoors, still looking into food options, class projects (for silent auction) are in work
 - Revised Santa Shop is in work
- VII. Follow-Up Items
 - Shared in the above Covid update
- VIII. New Items/Discussion/Questions
 - Middle School- Parents have questioned why the neither Advisory Program or the Accelerated Math and Literature programs have been reinstated since being paused last year due to Covid. Several Board members expressed how important it is to retain student enrollment through Middle School. Historically, we have seen a few students leave QAS prior to entering 6th or 7th gr to attend a traditional Middle School to better prepare them for High School. Efforts such as Advisory, Accelerated classes, different uniforms, 1:1 Chromebooks have been put in place to prevent this, and there is concern this could begin to take place again if we do not put such programs back in to place.
 - Advisory Program (current state)



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- Advisory classes were comprised of all girls or all boys and were a mix of students from 6th, 7th and 8th
 - Mrs. Beumer shared that teachers were never formally trained in the Advisory program; Mrs. Beumer and teachers discussed and decided not to continue with the program in 2021.
 - Parents have not been formally advised; some parents are still confused on whether this is taking place again or not.
- Accelerated Programs
 - No accelerated classes offered
 - Incoming freshman do not have the ability to “test out” of the freshman level course if accelerated programs are not offered in Middle School; could potentially prevent them from taking college credit courses later in high school
 - Mrs. Beumer will further discuss the potential for such a program with Mrs. Brinkely.

IX. Closing Prayer



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