

**Saint Athanasius Board  
of Education Minutes  
Date December 1, 2020  
in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom and Zoom**

**Motion to Start:** Mikki S

**Opening Prayer:** Jennifer S

**Members Present:** Melanie S, Allison S, Heather E, Kraig E, Mikki S, Amy P, Drew M, Jennifer S, and Fr. Dole. Members not present Adam S

**Approval of Minutes:** Nov. 2020 Minutes were approved 1<sup>st</sup> Heather E and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kraig E

**Leader Gram:** Luke 1:26-38

**Additions-Deletions to Board Agenda:** adding an Action Item of School Calendar

**Administrators Report:**

- Jennifer reported that they have some students and staff that came back after Thanksgiving break from quarantine and there are a few students that are still quarantining at this time.
- Jennifer reported that the morale of the teachers and staff is good in regards to the COVID-19 Pandemic and having some students learn virtually as well as having students participating in face to face learning.
- The archdiocese is holding Zoom meetings every 2 weeks as they are not meeting face to face for their normal periodic meetings that occurred in the past. Jennifer reported that if there is not something significant to discuss then they do not have a Zoom meeting.
- The St. Athanasius students are continuing to collect paper products and canned items for the Knights of Columbus Care and Share Program.

- Teachers are doing extra work to meet the needs of all students. When students are meeting virtually they are meeting on Zoom or Google. Teachers usually have a break with recess and PE and this is the time they are getting copies made and other supplies ready for virtual students. When teachers have an early dismissal, a small meeting is held, and the teachers are working materials for virtual learners.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Fr. Dole discussed that he has been discussing with the parish the importance of the nativity and to find a holy spot in your house where parishioners can pray and reflect.
- There are bids coming into the parish for the work that needs to occur on the exterior of the school.
- The fencing on the west side of the playground was put into place and shed was moved.

**Action Item:**

- Jesup Community Schools has added four early dismissals to their calendar to assist teachers with the time that it requires to prep and plan for students learning remotely. Discussed that this would help our teachers as well and that many of St. Athanasius students ride the bus home and keeping on the same calendar as Jesup Community Schools would be beneficial for parents. Discussed the 8 missed hours and Jennifer reports that this should not conflict with the total amount of hours needed for completion of the school year unless there are many snow days. Discussed the possibility of a virtual school day if there was a snow day if there are many snow days in the 2020-2021 school year. Mikki S made a motion to follow the Jesup Community Schools calendar and add 4 additional early dismissals days to the school calendar and Drew M 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**Old Business:**

- Covid-19 Mitigation Update
  - Jennifer discussed that Black Hawk Co. and Buchanan Co. positivity rate has decreased and both are near 16%. Both counties positivity rate increased to apx. 22% between the November 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting until the December 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting. Jennifer reported that the school continues to follow the same procedures as far social distancing, wearing masks, and washing hands. The teachers have made modifications to their rooms in regards to barriers and sanitizing.
- Fundraisers
  - Jennifer discussed that they are pushing the sale of Scrip during the holiday season . PTO is planning on having one Fish Fry this Lenten season rather than 2 and the Fish Fry would be take out/ drive up. Discussed that Out of Hibernation may be different with an online action and possibly a drive up meal as well. Out of Hibernation committee needs to meet and discuss further details. Jennifer discussed that Edgewood Locker could do a fundraising in early Fall or in the Spring.
- Donation Update
  - Jennifer discussed that there was been a large amount of end of year donations this year. Some of these donations have gone to purchase different readers as part of the curriculum.
- **New Business:**
  - Hall of Fame

- The St. Athanasius's Hall of Fame nominations need to be submitted by January 8, 2021. Jennifer reported that the Hall of Fame nomination forms in the church bulletin and on the website. The school board will decide in the January school board meeting who will enter the Hall of Fame.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:** The budget committee will meet in January to discuss the budget for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Building Committee:** Jennifer reported that the last water filter was installed and now every floor has a water filter and there is one in the lunch room. The back parking lot is completed and is being used now.

**PTO:** The PTO plans to hold a Fish Fry and the Scratch cupcakes fundraiser.

**Don Bosco Committee:** Fr. Dole discussed measures that are occurring at Don Bosco in regards to the pandemic.

**Nomination Committee:** None

**School Improvement Advisory/Marketing Committee:** None

**Jesup Public School:** There has been good communication with Jesup Communication Schools.

**Items for next Agenda:** COVID-19 Policies and Procedures, Hall of Fame, and Catholic Schools Week

**Motion to Adjourn:** Heather E 1<sup>st</sup> and Drew M 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Next meeting will be January 5, 2021 by Zoom and in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom**

**Submitted By:** Allison Stone

School Board by Term:

Term 2 Year 3 Heather E  
Term 1 Year 3 Drew M

Term 2 Year 2 Adam S  
Term 1 Year 2 Amy P  
Term 1 Year 2 Melanie O

Term 2 Year 1 Mikki S  
Term 2 Year 1 Allison S  
Term 1 Year 1 Kraig E