

**Saint Athanasius Board  
of Education Minutes  
Date February 4, 2021  
Via Zoom**

**Motion to Start:** Adam S

**Opening Prayer:** Jennifer S

**Members Present:** Adam S, Melanie S, Allison S, Heather E, Kraig E, Mikki S, Amy P, Drew M, Jennifer S, Jeff Frieden, and Fr. Dole.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jan. 2021 Minutes were approved 1<sup>st</sup> Heather E and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kraig E

**Leader Gram:** 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

**Additions-Deletions to Board Agenda:** handicap accessibility added to new business

**Administrators Report:**

- Jennifer reported during Catholic Schools Week students are making cards for residents at Winding Creek Meadows, the assisted living in Fairbank, and East and West nursing homes. The Winter Carnival went well and the students really enjoyed this activity. If school is cancelled on Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> then Mass and the Hall of Fame celebration will be held on Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Jennifer reported that teachers are in Tier 1b with vaccine distribution. Buchanan County Public Health will offer St. Athanasius's staff and faculty 10 vaccines and these staff and faculty will be vaccinated on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. Staff and faculty that were not vaccinated this round will be vaccinated next month.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Fr. Dole welcomed and introduced Jeff Frieden, the seminarian that will be at St. Athanasius for a few months.

## Action Item:

- Staffing for next school year
  - Discussed the Archdiocesan Policy #4111.22, the St. Athanasius School Board requests the administration to conduct a review of staffing needs for the 2021-2022 school year. The policy reads “If necessary, as per policy, staff reduction recommendations must be made no later than the regular March board meeting.” This policy was discussed and a motion was made by Mikki S and seconded by Amy P.
- Tent Rental
  - Discussed the tent for Farmers Day and if it should be rented out at all through the year. The tent leaked in the Summer of 2020. Motion was made to just set up the tent for Farmers Day and to not rent out the tent to any other party. A motion was made by Heather E and seconded by Allison S. Adam S will phone Mary Backes and let her know that the tent will no longer be rented out at this point.
- Tuition Increase for 2021-22 school year
  - Discussed a possible increase in tuition to help with financing an increase in salaries. Discussed the assistance the school receives from the parish and from third sources such as fundraisers. Discussed a \$100.00 increase in tuition with K thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade, a \$40 a month increase for Pre-K and a \$10 a month increase in Preschool. Discussed the assistance that Pre K receives from SEAT and the other assistance that SEAT gives the school. Drew M made a motion to approve an \$100.00 increase in tuition with K thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade, a \$40 a month increase for Pre-K and a \$10 a month increase in Preschool and Heather E seconded the motion.

## **Old Business:**

- Covid-19 Mitigation Update
  - Jennifer discussed there were two teachers that were quarantining due to exposure to the coronavirus. Jennifer reported that there are a few students quarantining at this time. Discussed sending updates to families/ parents with any changes in Coronavirus protocol or cases.
  
- **New Business:**
  - Update from Iowa legislature
    - Jennifer discussed updates from the Iowa legislature. Also discussed that the Fire Foundation introduced a bill to the Iowa legislature this bill made it out of the Senate Subcommittee. This bill would change the wording from “may” to “will” in regards to students on a IEP receiving services at a private school.
  - Handicap Access
    - Discussed the installation of equipment to help assist the transportation of wheel chair bound students from one floor to the next. Jennifer applied to the Fire Foundation grant and to other grants to help finance this project. Jennifer reported that the East stairwell will be used at this time.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:** The budget will be finalized at the March meeting.

**Building Committee:** none

**PTO:** The PTO plans to hold a Fish Fry on 2/19/21. The Scratch cupcakes fundraiser was well supported.

**Don Bosco Committee:** Fr. Dole discussed that Don Bosco is looking for some incentives to have teachers and staff's kids to enroll in the school system.

**Nomination Committee:** None

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

**Jesup Public School:** none

**Items for next Agenda:** COVID-19 Policies and Procedures, 2021-22 Budget

**Motion to Adjourn:** Heather E and Allison S 2nd

**Next meeting will be March 2, 2021**

**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

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