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**St. Mary Parish School Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 12, 2021**

**Present: Bridget Zimmerman, Dawn Gilles, Dani McCaroll, Lisamarie Collins, Dr. Mark Joerres and Gina Styer**

1. Gina led us in our opening prayer
2. Dani approved the minutes from January 12, 2021
3. Principal Report

* Open House was held on January 24 for prospective families
  + Postcards were sent to parishioner families and families in surrounding suburbs
* Enrollment Update
  + 359 students enrolled as of January 18, 2021
  + 11 new students enrolled since November of 2020
  + 50 students (40 families left at start of school year – planning to reach out to those families to ask about re-enrollment
  + Half of current families have re-enrolled for next year
  + Promoting Refer a Family program among current families
  + Working with Archdiocese and Franklin school district to provide bussing to SMHC since there is no longer a Catholic school in Franklin – decision will be made in spring
* Catholic Schools Week
  + 8th grade vs. teachers volleyball game will take place and will stream game to classrooms
  + Home and School has some fun activities planned for students
* Annual Appeal
  + Raised $11,500 so far (2020 raised $28,000 total)
* COVID Update
  + Several families quarantined after Christmas
  + 92% of students in person and 8% of students virtual
* Tardy policy
* Need policy for fall of 2021 to address students who are frequently tardy
* Each committee member asked to review the tardy policy of a local Catholic school and share out at the next meeting
* Graduation Gowns
  + Dr. Joerres will survey middle school families about whether 8th graders should wear graduation gowns and caps for graduation

1. Old Business
2. New Business
3. Parish Update
   * At the November pastoral council meeting Fr. Brian shared that he has decided to lave St. Mary for another opportunity
   * Rick Tank from the Archdiocese was set to join the January 12 meeting regarding priest placement for St. Mary
   * Pastoral Council and parish staff will advise Rick on what the needs of the parish
4. Next Meeting: March 9, 2021 6 p.m.

**Mission Statement:** Celebrating spiritual growth while providing academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment.