

REGINA INTER-PARISH CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Friday, November 5, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order – 5:30PM
- a. Opening Prayer by Andy Cutter.
 - b. Roll Call – (absent members in parenthesis):
 - i. Ellen Abusada Fr. Adam, (Fr. Beckman), Julie Beard), Chris Clark, Andy Cutter, (Lisa Dutchik), Sue Kloos, Amy Lynch, Scott Nibaur (via Zoom), Fr. Sia, Angela Villhauer, Ryan Wade, (Jason Wagner,) Todd Waikel, Alaina Welsh, (Fr. Witt).
 - ii. Ex-Officio Members Present –
Celeste Vincent, Glenn Plummer, Kelly Starr, Tim Foley, Carolyn Brandt, Joy Kelly, Lynne Devaney (via Zoom)
 - iii. Members of the Audience –
 - 1. Katie White
 - 2. Katie Rossmann
 - 3. Lauren Hansen
 - 4. Collin Dyer
 - 5. Danielle Dyer
 - 6. Jeanenne Suneja
 - c. Chairperson Remarks – by Andy Cutter
 - 1. Here tonight to review, discuss and vote on the recommendation by the Diocese of Davenport regarding mask requirements at Regina.
 - 2. Reminder that the BOE members cannot engage in a dialogue with members of the audience, but we will take all comments under consideration.
 - d. Approval of Agenda –
 - Motion to approve Agenda made by Clark. Second by Welsh. All in favor.
 - e. Opening Comments by Joy Kelly –
 - 1. As of yesterday, there were 27 active positive cases in the elementary.
 - 2. Five more cases have been reported thus far today.
 - 3. The rate of positive cases is much higher than in the Iowa City Public School District.
 - 4. Much discussion with Diocese, including daily reporting and strategizing.
 - 5. Much discussion with the Johnson County Department of Public Health. They believe we are experiencing spread at school and the rate is concerning. They have adjusted their recommendations regarding COVID protocols to

now REQUIRE quarantining of close contact cases. Reference to November 2, 2021, letter from JCDPH that was sent to Regina families.

6. The Regina Return to Learn Committee has unanimously recommended a mask mandate in PK-6 and all but one committee member recommends masking PK-12.

- f. Opening Comments by Lynne Devaney –
 1. Provided some background on the Diocesan recommendation.
 2. All schools in the Dioceses are unique.
 3. The Dioceses covers a very large geographic area, which makes it different than the ICCSD. The communities within this area are not all the same and therefore the Dioceses prefers to take an individualized approach to the needs at each school.
 4. The politicization of COVID has made it difficult to navigate the situation. The Diocese is keeping the best interest of the students at the forefront of the discussion. Keeping kids safe and in school is important.
 5. The public schools in all the urban areas within the Dioceses of Davenport have a mask mandate.
 6. The Diocese is very concerned about the surge occurring at Regina.
 7. Diocese recommends masks for all students, faculty, staff and visitors at Regina.
 8. Memo dated, November 5, 2021, from the Diocese of Davenport was read aloud.
 9. Diocese of Davenport will handle legal questions surrounding HF847.

- g. Open to the Audience –
 1. Dr. Jeanenne Suneja made the following comments:
 - i. Masks work.
 - ii. The CDC recommends masks for everyone indoors including those that are vaccinated.
 - iii. We need to keep kids safe.

II. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION –

- Motion to consider the recommendation made by the Diocese of Davenport as outlined in the memo dated November 5, 2021. Motion made by Clark. Second by Lynch.

MOTION DISCUSSION –

1. Wade questioned how this would apply to athletic events. Desires to be as detailed as possible in our language.
2. Lynch proposed language similar to that used by the ICCSD, which requires masks to be worn by anyone not actively involved in competition inside and outside. Language from the ICCSD website was read aloud and discussed.

3. Beard proposed an exception for active participation in extracurriculars.
4. General discussion regarding permitting those actively participating in sports and fine arts to not wear masks, but to wear masks when off stage or on the bench, etc. Coaches must wear masks at all times.

Motion is tabled and new motion with clarifying language proposed.

- Motion to approve the recommendation of the Diocese of Davenport outlined in the memo dated November 5, 2021, with the following clarifications:
 1. Require making for all faculty, staff, students and visitors starting on November 8, 2021.
 2. Symptomatic persons shall follow quarantine guidelines as outlined by the Johnson County Department of Public Health. For more details see the Regina website COVID tab for Frequently Asked Questions.
 3. Persons identified as “close contacts” to positive COVID cases between November 2 through November 22 shall quarantine according to Regina protocol.
 4. Maintain all mitigation and prevention measures related to infection control.
 5. Encourage vaccination for all students ages 5-18.
 6. These measures will continue until such time until the data is reviewed immediately after dismissal for the winter break. Families will be notified prior to their return on January 3, 2022, if masking will continue.

Motion made by Clark. Second by Lynch. All present in favor. Fr. Witt via proxy, assigned to Fr. Adam, also voted in favor.

III. Adjournment – 7:03PM

- Motion to adjourn Fr. Adam. Second by Clark.
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted by
Alaina Welsh
BOE Secretary