

REGINA INTER-PARISH CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Tuesday, December 28, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order – 10:35 AM
 - a. Opening Prayer by Joy Kelly.
 - b. Roll Call – (absent members in parenthesis):
 - i. Ellen Abusada Fr. Adam, (Fr. Beckman), Julie Beard, Chris Clark (via Zoom), Andy Cutter, Lisa Dutchik (via Zoom), Sue Kloos (via Zoom), Amy Lynch (via Zoom), Scott Nibaur, Fr. Sia, Angela Villhauer, Ryan Wade, Jason Wagner, (Todd Waikel), Alaina Welsh, (Fr. Witt, proxy to Fr. Adam).
 - ii. Ex-Officio Members Present –
Celeste Vincent, Glenn Plummer, Taylor Hotek, Joy Kelly
 - iii. Members of the Audience –
 1. Matt Staab
 2. Annie Gavin
 3. Jen Boblenz
 4. Dan Livorsi, Regina Return to Learn Committee (virtual/call in)
 - c. Chairperson Remarks – by Andy Cutter
 1. Here today to review and discuss the mask mandate.
 2. Thank you for taking the time to be here for this special meeting.
 3. Our continued goal is to keep kids in school.
 4. As a reminder, the majority of the BOE’s work is conducted in various committees that include board members, administrators, and parents.
 5. The Regina Return to Learn Committee has met several times over the past month and is guided by expert medical professionals from our Regina community.
 6. As an employer we have moral and legal responsibilities to ensure a safe and healthy work environment for our employees.
 7. We continue to have conversations and seek expert advice from the Return to Learn Committee as we work to continue to provide in person learning with minimal student and teacher absenteeism.
 8. The BOE packet for today’s meeting included a memo from the Johnson County Department of Public Health, an update and summary from the Regina Return to Learn Committee and Regina COVID data from October 18th through December 17th of this year.
 - d. Open to the Audience
 1. Comments by Jen Boblenz - Requested removal of mask requirements

- e. Head of School Remarks – by Joy Kelly
 - 1. Please refer to the BOE packet, which includes recent Regina COVID data.
 - 2. Johnson County, as of today, as a positivity rate of 10.91%.
 - 3. Conversation with Johnson County Department of Public Health (JCPH) regarding a potential survey to determine vaccination status of students to help in the planning process. They indicated such a survey was unnecessary.
 - 4. JCPH said schools should not create their own matrix for determining various COVID protocols. Please see the memo in the packet from JCPH.
 - 5. The new CDC guidelines issues yesterday regarding changes to quarantine protocols does not impact masking, only quarantining.
 - 6. Regina’s Return to Learn Committee (RTL) has recommended retaining the mask mandate until masks are no longer recommended by JCPH. RTL also continues to recommend evening and weekend activities at Regina continue to require masks.
 - 7. It is noted that Regina needs to do a better job of making masks available to patrons and visitors and ensuring compliance.

II. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION –

- Motion #1 - To remove the mask mandate until a certain positivity rate is reached at Regina. Motion made by Nibaur and seconded by Wade.

MOTION #1 DISCUSSION –

- 1. Much discussion about the need for continued masking. Questions about duration. Questions about severity of illness. Concern expressed over the full hospitals and stress on essential workers. Many pointed out the need to rely on experts such as the Johnson County Department of Public Health and the those on the Regina Return to Learn Committee in making decisions regarding masking. Recognition given to the desire to keep kids in person at school and the need for Regina, as an employer, to provide for a safe work environment.
- Vote on Motion #1-
Voting NO: Fr Adam, Fr. Sia, Fr. Witt (via proxy to Fr. Adam), Abusada, Beard, Clark, Cutter, Dutchik, Kloos, Lynch, Wade, Welsh.
Voting YES: Nibaur, Wagner.

Motion #1 does not pass.

- Motion #2: The current mask mandate will remain in effect at this time. The Regina Board of Education also directs Regina Administration to take the following actions without the need to convene the Board of Education:

Retain, implement, or suspend a mask mandate based on the recommendation of the Regina Return to Learn Committee from this date through the end of the academic year. Motion made by Lynch and seconded by Fr. Adam.

MOTION #2 DISCUSSION –

1. Continued discussion on the need for masks and what will be used to determine the end point. Support for relying on the Return to Learn Committee again expressed. The motion indicates the end to masks would be based on JCPH and the RTL committee or at the latest the end of the academic year. RTL will meet almost weekly.
 - Vote on Motion #2 -
Voting YES: Fr Adam, Fr. Sia, Fr. Witt (via proxy to Fr. Adam), Abusada, Beard, Clark, Cutter, Dutchik, Kloos, Lynch, Nibaur, Wade, Wagner, Welsh.

Motion #2 passes.

- III. Closing Prayer – Fr. Adam
- IV. Executive Session – 11:49 AM
 - Motion to enter Executive Session by Abusada. Second by Clark.
All in favor
 - Motion to exit Executive Session by Abusada. Second by Nibaur.
All in favor
- V. Adjourn –
 - Motion to adjourn by Fr. Adam. Second by Abusada
All in favor

Respectfully Submitted by
Alaina Welsh
BOE Secretary