



School Board Members Present: Christi Kluzak, Katie Coglianesse, Anne Marie Cronin, Mike Devine, David Dieter, Gina Gilmore, Marlon Lutfiyya, Matt Smilak, Megan Thies

Ex-Officio Members Present: Melissa Santos, Chris Johanneson

Others Present: Patty Bajek, Diane Huber

Approval of Minutes The minutes from the school board meeting on April 22 were approved.

Agenda Items

- E-Learning Update
 - Some junior high teachers have elected to issue grades in accordance with a full-scale grading system as opposed to the A/B/Incomplete system other teachers are using. Mrs. Santos has asked these teachers to consider issuing a minimum grade of "B-" for work that students in their classes have completed (out of the concern, expressed in previous school board meeting minutes, that a full-scale grading system could unfairly penalize students who have unequal access to e-learning resources—a solid internet connection, adult guidance and supervision, etc.).
 - The school has decided not to issue fourth-quarter grades of "incomplete" to students who are not participating in the school's e-learning system and are not completing the related assignments. This pertains to about ten students school-wide, including five in junior high. Grades of "incomplete" would require that the students make up the work at another time.
 - Instead, the students will simply not receive fourth-quarter grades in the relevant subjects.
 - For each subject in junior high, students need a total of four points over the year to pass the subject (per quarter, each "A" is 4 points; each "D" is 1 point). Students who have already earned four points in a subject before receiving a blank grade would still pass the subject.
 - No ASCA student is in jeopardy of not advancing to the next grade based on a potential blank grade in a subject.
 - It came to the school's attention that not all teachers had document cameras that allow them to show demonstrations to students (math problems, for example). ASCA has ordered document cameras to ensure that all teachers have them.
 - ASCA teachers have expressed a desire to "do more" for students during the pandemic. Mrs. Santos has asked the teachers to focus more on connecting with students through live video as opposed to assigning more work.
 - ASCA considered sending a survey to parents to obtain feedback about the school's e-learning structure. The schools has decided against it at this time. ASCA would want to offer parents the benefit of hindsight in completing the survey, and would want to spend time formulating questions that elicit feedback specific enough to be helpful.



- Book Return/Locker Cleanout/Medication Pickup Update
 - The school has developed a related protocol, and Mrs. Santos will send it to parents. Book returns, locker cleanouts and medication pickups for Grades 1-7 will occur alphabetically: the parents of students with last names A through F will be able to come to the school on Tuesday, May 26, and will be able to sign up for one of three timeslots throughout the day; last names G-M are scheduled for Wednesday, May 27; last names N-Z are scheduled for Thursday, May 28.
 - The Grade 8 pickup is scheduled for Friday, May 28.
 - For Grades 1-7, only the parents of students may visit the school during available time periods, not the students themselves. The school will allow 8th graders to come into the school on May 28.
 - ASCA teachers will not be in the building during pickup times; only office staff will.
- Enrollment Update (Patty Bajek)
 - The current uncertainty about how the pandemic may affect in-person learning in the fall could affect enrollment numbers.
 - Enrollment is currently at 432 students, down from 435 last month. The three students who left were in preschool or kindergarten.
 - ASCA continues to receive new registrations for the 2020-21 school year, including from a family that participated in the school's first virtual tour. New student enrollment is up from 35 students to 38.
 - Net enrollment for next year is currently at 373 students. That number is comparatively low for this time of year.
 - ASCA does not expect many, if any, registrations from students who have yet to indicate that they will return next year.
 - Thirty preschoolers have enrolled for next year.
 - It does not appear that Empower Illinois (EI) will make a material difference in enrollment figures.
 - Contributions designated for ASCA will cover only six of the 51 students in the EI queue to attend the school.
 - Also, EI seems limited structurally. Children who attend ASCA through EI one year are not at the front of the queue the following year to receive funding through the program. Accordingly, a student could receive complete coverage of tuition and fees one year and then not receive any aid through EI the following year.
- Fall School Opening Alternative Start Plan and Potential Enrollment Impact
 - ASCA is considering three possibilities for the post-pandemic return to school: a return to in-person schooling 100% of the time; a combination of in-person schooling and e-learning; or a complete e-learning environment.
 - If the return will involve a combination of in-person instruction and e-learning, ASCA will consider implementing a structure like the one developed by Indiana University—where the students are split into "A" and "B" groups, and they switch off between in-person and live video instruction.



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- The school will send out regular communications to inform parents of all related developments.
- Teacher Appreciation Follow-up
 - Members of the school board have sent personal notes of appreciation to all ASCA teachers.
 - The All Saints Parents Association (ASPA) coordinated student videos to send to the teachers and has sent them. It has also coordinated drive-by parades for the teachers.
 - The teachers have appreciated the outpouring of support.
- VP Nomination
 - The ASCA School Board has nominated Megan Thies for the position of Vice President for the 2020-21 school year. Mrs. Thies accepted the nomination and will serve in the role.
- Fr. Belmonte Change
 - Fr. Belmonte, Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Joliet, resigned last week and has accepted a position in Florida. He will be with ASCA until June.
 - The Diocese has not started looking for a replacement yet.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19. It will be the last ASCA School Board meeting of the year.
