



Holy Rosary School Commission Meeting Agenda
August 19, 2021
6:00 PM

Present:

Fr. Oakland, Anna Horton, Beth Martin, Sara Volta, Karl Mowat, Katie Townsend, Elena Gruner, Barbara Spiering, Jennifer Wong, Erin Cassidy, Greg Topf, Renee Kurdzos, Brendan Kolding, Andrew McCormick, Jordan Pomeroy, Amy Serabia

Opening Prayer

Father Oakland led the School Commission in the opening prayer.

Introductions & Welcome New Members

Present committee members did a round of introductions and new members were welcomed.

Return to School Protocol/Advisory

Anna shared that she released the updated Fall Covid Plan in today's (Aug 19th) EFC. Very similar to last year); differences from last year are things mandated by the state. Key Differences:

1. All desks set up 3 ft (instead of 6 ft)
2. "Close contact" is if you are within distance (even with mask)
3. HRS will maximize the distance possible for eating, HRS will utilize school hall as an overflow space to create a natural 6 ft distance
4. Encouraging departments to develop a snack schedule and will strive to do snacks outside
5. Mixing grade levels at recess and decision to keep masks outdoors (5th and 8th graders will get recess again)
6. Purchased stand-alone air purifier units for classrooms
7. Restricting access to remote learning this year given challenges for teachers with running multiple learning modalities

Check-In with Committee Members

Anna asked the group's thoughts, feedback and if they had been hearing anything across the HRS community. An open Q&A discussion followed.

- **Q:** What would conditions need to be to remove mask for outside play?
- **A:** Will follow public health guidance. In conversation on Monday (Aug 16th), given variants floating around public health officials advised on keeping masks on outside. Also given reality that when small children play together it is hard to maintain distance, so strongly recommend they are masked. Fr. Oakland also added we have less space given we are redoing roof on gym, transitions will be harder to manage and keeping masks will help.

Q: Will there be hot lunch?

A: Not at this time, given the challenges of using School Hall for lunch, and challenges of implementing hot lunch with all of required protocols, schedules, etc. We are excited to get it back, when possible. Company that had been used also went out of business.

Q: When they do allow younger kids to get vaccinated will we offer vaccinations at HRS?

A: In the Spring, the City of Seattle did set up sites for older kids in the area, believe each school will get assigned a site for a specific date. Most likely easier for younger kids to go to a site since will need to go with a parent. Will keep options open. Timeline for accessibility for younger kids is still unknown.

Q: Mandatory vaccinations at HRS?

A: We will not move to make it mandatory until requirements come out from the state. Goal for staff and volunteers to be fully vaccinated by Oct 18. Will need to be collecting information on volunteers (CYO coaches etc.); will submit a copy of card

Q: Vaccinations for volunteer hours?

A: Volunteers of any capacity that will be around the children have to be vaccinated. Proposed future topic as need to develop a policy.

Q: Will we need to track the boosters when they become available?

A: TBD

Q: What is the plan for volunteer hours this year?

A: Sara Volta thought we voted to resume hours this year. Future agenda item.

Action: The volunteer hours site needs to be updated to allow people to enter hours for 2021-2022. Beth Martin took an action was going to investigate.

Q: Is the teacher Meet & Greet outdoors?

A: Each teacher will be outdoors at the entrance for that class. A reminder email will go out on Monday to clarify.

Q: Will quarantine for families traveling outside of state be on honor system (7 days with neg. test or 10 days without)? And will remote instruction be offered?

A: Not going to provide remote instruction while on vacation, but they recognize if child comes back and in quarantine will make remote instruction available upon return. It is in the reopening plan. Managing travel last year was really difficult – given short notice periods for materials to be prepared. Accountability on the parents to communicate with teacher in advance to reduce stress.

Q: First year families have expressed lack of social and community connection. Is there something parents can do at a grade level, classroom level to help?

A: Room parents and class Facebook groups have typically been relayed upon in the past to create community. Should keep this front and center and try to be leaders in those areas and create gatherings (e.g., picnics in the Fall).

Q: Did the uniform policy changes?

A: No, it is in existence as before. Didn't enforce it as much last year due to difficulties. Did change the hair guidelines slightly (to give more flexibility and options).

Future Board Meeting Topics

- **Parent Club:** Anna said she would like this group to discuss the future of the Parents Club as she feels the group is entering an evolution. For example, what is long term objective (e.g., fundraising body? Community building?)? Could be the role of the Parent Club to find a way to build connections and community given we are still in these covid times where events are limited.
- **Volunteer Vaccinations:** policy development
- **Volunteer Hours:** resume volunteer hours this year?

Next Month's Agenda

Sara Volta mentioned that the bylaws and upcoming year strategy will be on September's agenda.

Closing Prayer

Sara Volta led the School Commission in the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.