

School Board Meeting Minutes  
2/25/2021

Meeting started with Prayer by Father Tom

Roll Call

Reminder to all parents to mute zoom calls.

No changes to January's minutes. Will be posted to the school's website.

Background of new board member Krysta Privoznik read by chairman Liz Christofylakis.

Enrollment topic for today's meeting.

First parent, Mrs. Shizas, passed on zoom comment/question because her husband was in another meeting.

Second parent, Mrs. Girgis, commented on spring break being around Easter, and wanted to know why we changed it this year and why it wasn't the same as the local school district. Also, commented on the difficulty of families coming forward for spring break vacation because of forced quarantine, difficult for some parents. Chairman of the school board ended her 3 minutes time and apologized for cutting her off.

Principal's Report -

- Enrollment 3/1/2021 179 students 2 new students that haven't been at campus or distant.
- 8th grade meeting, one was virtual, the other was in person in the church lobby.
- Graduation for 8th grade will be held in the church, 9 guests per family, tickets will be issued this year. If a family has an abundance of tickets these may be turned in to give to another family.
- Prayer service all students in church for the first time this year since last year. One of our 8th graders mentioned to mother that it was very emotional being in church together as a school.
- A luncheon for 8th grade will be held in the gym. Parents are researching other festivities. 8th grade graduation pictures are next week for cap and gown shots.
- Open house appointments scheduled for 7 families, 11 new students.
- Current families registration will begin this Monday 3/1/2021.
- NJHS - Community service onsite last weekend, unloading books from our grant. Also, this weekend a few students will help with the open house.
- Ellinomatheia - Principal and staff look at this assessment similarly the way you would look at an ACT & SAT. Reason for this test is proving efficiency. B1 high school proficiency exam placement test. In the past parents have hired our staff as tutors. Students also take Greek at St. Spyridon Church. Extra preparation just as you would prepare additionally for high stakes exams (ACT/SAT) and the extra preparation needed to score well/pass.
- Staffing - We accepted the resignation of Coach Eric Sousanes who is joining the police force. He was offered a position at River Forest and he will be starting the police academy on March 1st. Real big loss for Koraes. The news went out today to all staff

and students. We are PE planning for next week. Explained to all students about PE next week and then after spring break it's going to be a health week. When we return from spring break it's the beginning of our lent.

- MAP Data - Screen reviewed all grades, reading and math. We like to see blue and green. High scores in kindergarten is a direct correlation to what a great job our preschool program does with curriculum aligned to early learning standards.
- Students are given running records multiple times to access reading growth.
- Supplemental resources, series online, looking at what makes sense to areas where our students need to grow in skills.
- Kindergarten has started working on first grade standards and going deeper into kindergarten standards as this is a high performing class. They were given the end of the year math assessment and results demonstrated they are ready to move forward.
- Math- the expectation is to weave the areas of data & measurement as well as statistics and geometry into the curriculum weekly instead of stand alone units at the end of the year.
- IXL diagnostic next week.
- We have had the curriculum for 4 years. It's within the 3-5 year mark that noticeable changes occur and to see the scores change.
- Given that our students were home for the entire last trimester, our students have done extremely well.

School Board -

Thanks to Coach from the school board.

Presentation of MAP scores, excellent results. Especially with pandemic and e-learning, showing real results. Seeing great things happening even with everything going on demonstrates the fantastic job the teachers are doing to follow the curriculum and the standards.

KPTA -

Meeting a few weeks ago, closed spiritwear 3 rounds \$2,500 gross profit.

Cooking class coming up on 3/21 more info to come, going to be led by Evi, VP of KPTA.

Students didn't have classroom parties, end of year parties, ice cream truck, etc.

Still talking about the by-laws and changes they would like to recommend.

Changing election date from September to June as it's hard to pick up and prepare for a new year when the planning has already taken place.

Wording of the bylaw changes need to be done.

Process of choosing the board, written guidelines need to be updated for approval.

They will draft any changes and email the school board.

No budget update.

Old business -

Open house update

Referral is the best form of marketing.

Flyer posted online, please share with friends and family.

Families that can't come should call the office to schedule an appointment.

Building will be cleaned after the open house.

Committee work -

Tuition K-8 increased \$32-\$38 per month

Maintain \$150 per student \$450 cap

Register by March 31st current families

Incremental increase in tuition

Cost and teacher salaries are a must to attract and keep quality candidates

Registration for 2021-22 is March 1-31st for current families

Current families who do not register by 31st will not be penalized. They have until the end of May until they see an increase in fees.

New families may begin registering on April 1st. Paperwork will be emailed to families.

Delinquencies - school board collections. There will be a structure in place to collect delinquencies. This will affect current families who are not caught up on payments as far as registration for the new year.

Any 8th grade student whose tuition is not up-to-date will forfeit graduation.

Beginning in the Fall 2021 passed dues not being able to participate in school activities.

Tuition assistance (financial aid), not being offered to new families or current families who are not currently receiving assistance. Only current families with assistance will be offered.

However, this will be reevaluated to determine what type of assistance they will receive.

School Calendar -

In the past spring break was always the week after Easter. However, the education of the children comes first due to assessments, etc. Therefore the week has been changing. There will still be a mini-break around the time of Easter (Holy Thursday - Bright Monday).

Spiritual journey first week of Holy Lent, we don't want students out of school.

March 25th, we don't want to be out of school for our faith and ethnicity. It's important to be in school during this week.

Difficult to coordinate with other school districts we had to do what was right for Koraes as too many of our families come from different communities.

Easter is late again next year (2022). It has been decided that the 28th of March until April 1st Spring Break and of course extra days around Easter (Pascha).

All in favor.

All oppose.

Votes affirmative for the school calendar

Questions/comments

Travel policy put in order January 22nd posted and emailed.

Koraes is following CDC, Cook county, ISBE & IDPH guidelines

Mandated for the best safety of students and staff.

As of this date one family confirmed their travel plans.

We expect honesty and kindness for the health and safety of all.