

***St. John Catholic School – Advisory Board Meeting
Sept 22, 2020 7:00PM***



Call to Order-members present: Fr. John, Dcn. Dan, E. Burke, C. Miller, D. Alstrom, S. Meyer, E. Thrash, M. Young, E. Enterkin

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer

August minutes were approved as amended

July Minutes:

Finance (Open)

- See Steve's report.
- We are on budget. We have made over \$115K in our endowment over the past year mainly due to changes in the investment funds. We have so far not needed an endowment withdrawal this year.
- We have seen improved tuition payments.
- HSA helped cover some financial costs.
- Money will be tight this year, but we are moving along.

Planning (M. Young)

- No immediate action needed on this year's Strategic Plan action items.
- Elizabeth has the final version and will make sure the Leadership has all info they need for end of year planning.

Development/PR (E. Thrash)

- Read Elizabeth's report.
- St. Francis of Assisi Tuition Trust recognized Mrs. Chang as a top teacher in the Diocese.
- Received \$2250 from United Way. We also received a Covid-19 grant from P66.
- 2nd Floor window safety film. The Bishop is OK with the plan but wants us to wait until October to see if we can get funding from a foundation as a Safety issue.
- Spiritwear purchases are almost ready for pickup.
- Artwork received and donated at the Gala has been installed in the stairwell.
- Meeting with the new Superintendent of WCS.
- Working on our graphics as seen on social media.
- Participating in the Kiwanis Christmas Wreath fundraiser. Wreaths are available for bids. All proceeds go to the schools.

Policy (D. Alstrom)

- No updates.

Home and School Association Report (E. Enterkin):

- See report
- The Fall fundraiser was a great success. Raised \$11.5K (\$3K over goal). Still collecting money.
- Still recruiting homeroom parents.
- Trunk or Treat plans being finalized. Actively promoting this to our Hispanic community.
- Several parents are concerned about the lack of a Gifted/Talented program. This is a school issue-not HSA although we can help with funding. Discussion-The school has to determine the needs for a G/T program. We have a Math enrichment program. Reading is offered in class. A true G/T program requires testing. Recent school newsletters promoted the Math and Robotics programs. Fr. John suggested to reply to the e-mail voicing concerns and direct inquiries to him and Cristel. Challenge is how to let someone vent frustrations. We can offer suggestions but shouldn't take comments personally. The 5 Year Plan includes a Task to install a G/T program if there is enough demand. This may require a dedicated teacher.

Membership (M. Wetzel)

- No new SAC membership applications. Cristel may have a prospect.
- When we recruit a new Membership Chairperson, Mary will help train.

Facilities (J. Elmer)

- No updates.

Principal's Report (C. Miller)

- We have 136 students enrolled.
- 28 Chromebooks and a cart have been ordered.
- Mrs. Radebaugh has started a math enrichment program.
- 3 Promethean boards have been ordered.
- The October In-service will be held at the school rather than at Bishop Kelley. Looking at other training options.
- Held Curriculum night last week.
- Parent-Teacher conferences will be held in October. To be offered either through Zoom or in person.
- The Knights of Columbus purchased soccer goals and balls.
- Received a large donation of masks.
- Questions: Is Covid-19 testing available in the Diocesan schools? A-No, testing is available in the counties. Q- Is there a Mask policy for parents during after school pickups? A-No policy but we'll suggest wearing a mask in an e-mail. Q-Does the school have all the Covid-19 supplies it needs? We have PPE but could use more Clorox wipes.

Pastor's Report (Fr. O'Neill)

- The Gala will be virtual this year. We still need a Chair. Planning is ongoing.
- Need to look at how to hold Java with Fr. John. HSA can ask parents their preferences. Options include virtual/Zoom, noon (Bring your Lunch) or evening. Fr. John is open to suggestions.
- A Fall Student retreat is not planned yet due to Covid-19. May stay local (help at Mary Martha then go out for pizza). The 8th Grade Spring retreat may be more flexible if restrictions ease.
- We must be diligent in following Covid-19 rules.

New Business

- None.

Review of Action Items:**Closing Prayer**

Meeting closed 7:44 PM

Next Board Meeting: 10/27/2020