

School Advisory Board

March 13, 2017

6:30 p.m.

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■ Prayer

Lord, You created us and put us on Earth for a purpose. In Your presence and name—Father, Son and Spirit—guide and bless our efforts toward a successful Capital Campaign, as we grow our future, rooted in faith. May all our thoughts, inspirations and actions have their origin in You and be directed by Your glory. Amen.

■ Call to Order

■ Audience Petition – Paula Blackledge – looking at Halloween activities for 6th grade

■ Consent Agenda

- February Board Minutes – approved by Carrie Kubicek and second by Ann Monday
- Approve 2017 – 2018 School Calendar – looked at Easter break, shamrock stride day off – calendar approved by Tim and second Christina Diers

■ Committee Reports

■ Lunch Committee – the committee will meet me on March 22nd

- Administrative Reports –

Snap-Shot Moments-

It was an awe-inspiring moment on Scholarship Award Day to witness the number of 8th graders who demonstrated such high levels of achievement on the High School Entrance Exams. There were approximately 30% of St. Patrick's 8th graders who received scholarships. In fact, 12 out of the top 15 scorers at Creighton Preparatory Academy were St. Patrick's students. In addition, the top two combined scores at Duschene Academy were St. Patrick's students.

This is a testament to the commitment of parents and teachers to provide students with a sound, faith-filled education. The results also demonstrate the extent to which students apply themselves to achieve these exemplary outcomes.

Instructional Leadership/School Improvement-

The School Improvement Committee met the week before Spring Break to continue the process for the AdvancEd accreditation visit in the Spring of 2019. AdvancEd is the accrediting body that accredits public and non-public primary and secondary schools across the United States.

The administration informed the committee that the methodology and processes for accreditation are changing. At this time, there continues to be ambiguity in terms of exactly what the new processes will be. While data will continue to be an important component in terms of demonstrating academic proficiency, “engagement” will supposedly now be an aspect that will draw a primary focus. In other words, how teachers are instructing and interacting with students will be of primary interest. There have been discussions of the visitation team, “observing” teachers delivering content.

Later in the summer, the AdvancEd and the Nebraska Department of Education will begin offering workshops on the new protocols and processes. There will be several of the committee members who will be asked to attend the workshops so that St. Patrick’s may continue to be at the forefront of Catholic Schools in Omaha who have, in the past, exhibited sound knowledge and results of the process.

Budgeting Process

The budgeting process has begun and as is typical, personnel costs are a significant impact on the budget. Teacher contracts will be distributed upon approval of the Finance Council.

Other than the costs associated with teacher, administrative and staff salary increases, the only other significant budgeting increases will involve procuring more technology infrastructure and potentially more student technology in addition to the expected 5% increase for health care costs.

- Finance – Discussed budget on IT, Tuition for teachers kids
- Enrollment/Recruitment/Retention – 841 – preschool has 4 spots left in 5 day AM
- Policy and Calendar – see calendar approval review
- Safety Committee – discussion on what parking and drop off will go back to last year
- Old Business
 - School Advisory Board Meeting Dates – approved for next year on Wednesday
- New Business – New principal was announced, Mrs. Kami Landenberger will begin the transition with a committee in force to help. She will be attending the MAPS program on March 20, Attending mass and meeting on April 27th, Weekend Masses on April 29, and attend next meeting on April 10.
- Principal’s Remarks – finish strong for the end of year and lot to get done
- Pastor’s Remarks – did not attend.
- Executive Session (No)